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DPL intends to lease Tinian land to casino-resort investor

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Heeding Tinian leaders' recommendation last week, the Department of Public Lands said it intends to lease public lands facing Tinian's Matua Bay or the area called Puntan Diablo to another investor group that CNMI officials said yesterday is planning to build a casino resort and golf course. The Chinese investor group is Capital Equity Legal Group Shanghai Firm.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider said last night that based on "preliminary information," the investor plans to build a "golf course, hotel resort, and casino."

"More details are forthcoming as
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2 NEW HOTELS INSTEAD OF 1 COULD RISE IN MARPI

Tan Holdings, Sunshine 100 pull out from Marpi project

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Two new multimillion hotels instead of just one are expected to rise in Marpi—one on public land and one on private land. This, after the joint venture of Tan Holdings and Sunshine 100 withdrew its interest from leasing almost 10 hectares of public lands in Marpi to build a hotel on private land instead, therefore freeing up public property that the Department of Public Lands hopes would be developed by a firm under the South Korea giant E Land Group of Companies.

» DPL offers public land to E Land's MRI as second short-listed firm in RFP

E Land's Micronesia Resort Inc. owns three hotels on Saipan, including Pacific Islands Club, Coral Ocean Point, and the former The Palms Resort that will reopen under the global Sheraton brand.

Tan Holdings and Sunshine 100 earlier planned to build a \$133-million, 544-room hotel on public lands totaling 99,005 square meters in Marpi.

But the joint venture recently acquired a tract of private land, also in Marpi, where it plans to build a world-class hotel.

Tan Holdings' Alex Sablan said yesterday the newly acquired private land is north of the Marianas Resort race track,

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A RARE BEAUTY

While red to orange flame trees are in their full glory this time of the year on Saipan, there is also a rare yellow variety such as this one located in front of the former Plumeria Resort near Aqua Resort Club in Achugao, yesterday. With their incredible burst of color and powerful visual image, flame trees have become an enduring symbol of the CNMI's beauty and were believed to have been brought to Saipan in the 1960s.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

\$3.5M Medicare cost settlement to be paid soon

» CHCC receives \$3M line of credit from land trust

» Two month's worth of delayed housing perks released

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. expects to receive this month a substantial amount that would boost its collections following the announcement yesterday that the Medicare cost settlement for the corporation is forthcoming.

Besides this expected payment, the corporation last week received in full its \$3-million line of credit with the Mari-

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State honors for Mayor Flores today. **PAGE 6**



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IN REVIEW, PROCESSING OF TINIAN DYNASTY OWNERSHIP APPLICATION

TCGCC: Any delay is solely due to Mega Stars

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Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission executive director Lucy Blanco-Maratita said yesterday that any delay in reviewing or processing Mega Stars Overseas Ltd.'s application to take over and run Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is "solely due to Mega Stars' failure to follow our directions, requests, and regulations."

Blanco-Maratita said the commission needs application submittals to begin the process

"and Mega Stars has waited for almost one year to begin to submit the applications and documents required."

"The investigation has not yet begun because Mega Stars has delayed making a proper application," Blanco-Maratita said in a statement yesterday, responding to Mega Stars chief executive officer Cario Hon's previous statements that the TCGCC executive director said were "misleading."

Hon said earlier that Mega Stars "didn't apply for a license" but only "bought the

shares of the company." Hon also expressed frustration with the review process and TCGCC's performance.

Blanco-Maratita, in response, said the facts are that Mega Stars has not followed all of the commission's and executive director's instructions, and has not paid all of the fees or submitted all of the application paperwork required to obtain a license "despite our repeated requests that it do so."

"There is no reason for Mega Stars or its CEO to be frustrated with the TCGCC; rather

it should be frustrated with its own performance. It is the TCGCC which is frustrated by Mega Stars' lack of performance and then its attempts to blame its own failures upon civil servants who are doing their job to protect the public under the law," Blanco-Maratita said.

She said TCGCC needs to conduct investigations into the backgrounds of owners/operators to ensure they are persons of integrity and responsibility, among other things.

The commission is responsi-

ble for issuing licenses to casino owners and operators on Tinian.

Blanco-Maratita also commented on Gov. Eloy S. Inos' recent remarks when he said he hopes that TCGCC expedite the process because he feels the process is "taking too long."

The TCGCC executive director said the commission could not have begun the process without the necessary documents, applications, and fees from Mega Stars, which were just submitted on June 2.

"Moreover, TCGCC cannot compromise the quality of the suitability investigations by

shortchanging the process—suitability is crucial to the protection of the people's interest in the integrity of gaming and the grant of a casino license on Tinian," Blanco-Maratita added.

TCGCC gave Gaming Integrated Services up to 120 days or four months to review Mega Stars' license application.

The commission contracted Gaming Integrated Services specifically to review the Hong Kong-based company's application for a casino license related to its takeover of Tinian Dynasty.

Mendiola is Tinian ports chief again

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority has reappointed Joseph T. Mendiola as Tinian airport and seaport chief.

CPA executive director MaryAnn Lizama confirmed this yesterday, saying that Mendiola was the sole applicant for the position. She said a new contract is now being routed for Mendiola's new term.

"There was only one applicant for the Tinian ports manager. The current Tinian ports manager was the only one who applied and the board of directors advised me to proceed with the contract of Mr. Mendiola for a year," Lizama said yesterday.

Mendiola confirmed yesterday his upcoming new term at CPA. Elated by this development, he promised to continue work on the progress of both airport and seaport on the island.

It was in March this year when CPA board voted to an-

nounce the Tinian ports manager position despite the admission of members that they were satisfied with Mendiola's performance.

Pursuant to that March decision, Mendiola was issued a 45-day notice to vacate the position. In the board's decision to open the post, they said that Mendiola is allowed to re-apply.

That CPA board decision was made at a time when Mendiola was considering running for the mayoralty position for Tinian. In May, Mendiola announced his decision to back out from the mayoralty race and then re-applied at CPA.

Mendiola was first hired in October 2010 to replace former ports manager Ike Perez, whose then contract was also terminated by the board.

Mendiola is among the top three managers of CPA, along with Ed Mendiola as Saipan airport manager and Martin Mendiola for Rota.

Mendiola's last contract stipulated a \$50,000 annual salary.

Man who beat up juvenile gets a suspended sentence

A 23-year-old man accused of beating up the daughter of Department of Corrections Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas has pleaded guilty in Superior Court and was slapped with a suspended sentence.

James Anthony P. Webb signed a plea agreement with the government last week and pleaded guilty to the offense of assault and battery (domestic violence).

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Webb to a year in prison, all suspended. He was given credit for 15 days of time served. This means Webb will no longer serve a prison term. He, however, was placed on probation for one year, minus 15 days of time served.

During the duration of his probation, Webb is prohibited from having any contact with the victim and the latter's parents.

Webb is also required to submit to random drug testing and pay restitution to the victim and her parents for property damage and medical bill. He was required to pay a \$25 assessment fee plus a probation fee.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for Webb.

According to the plea deal, Webb struck, beat, and wounded the victim and damaged the house's door and toolbox belonging to the victim's parents on Feb. 25, 2014, on Saipan.

As part of the plea deal, assistant attorney general James McAllister dropped the remaining charges of disturbing the peace, criminal trespass, and criminal mischief.

Police said the beating happened at Mafnas' house in San Roque last Feb. 25. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

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International

Bill will allow 'green card' holders to obtain firearm IDs

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Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) prefiled on Friday a bill that would, among other things, include U.S. lawful permanent residents or "green card" holders among those who are allowed to obtain firearm identification cards in the CNMI.

Under Leon Guerrero's bill, in addition to being a bona fide resident of the CNMI, a person cannot receive a firearm identification card unless he or she is one of the following: U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. lawful permanent resident,

more commonly known as "green card" holder.

A bona fide resident of the CNMI means a person whose place of general abode or principal or actual dwelling is in the CNMI.

Leon Guerrero's House Bill 18-193 also identifies the requirements for the issuance of a firearm dealer license under the Commonwealth Weapons Control Act.

The bill, co-sponsored by five other House members, also criminalizes the transport or possession of a firearm

or ammunition by a person convicted of a felony in the CNMI, or any other state, District of Columbia, the United States, or any territory.

The Department of Public Safety has to issue a firearm dealer license for that entity to sell, lease, or transfer a firearm. A firearm dealer license is valid for one year and is non-transferable.

Upon receipt of a proper application and payment of the prescribed fee, DPS shall within 60 days issue a dealer's license to an eligible applicant.



Leon Guerrero

Diamond Water's transfer to Gualo Rai thumbed down

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The Saipan Zoning Office disapproved on Thursday Dongbei S. Inc.'s proposal to transfer Diamond Water from Capital Hill to Gualo Rai after some Gualo Rai residents raised concerns over the possible traffic problems the transfer will bring to the area.

Zoning administrator Therese Ogomoro earlier recommended the approval of the project. In her statement to the board and members of the public at the hearing, Ogomoro said the proposed operation of water bottling processing was an allowed use within the village commercial zoning district and that the application for the proposed project has met all requirements of the zoning law.

Ogomoro said the applicant has agreed to comply with some conditions in order to mitigate impacts such as traf-

fic, noise, or any pollution.

She said the conditions would include minimizing the number of delivery trucks, limits on the frequency of deliveries, times of operations, and confinement of all operations within the warehouse structure to limit any noise and for public safety.

Ogomoro also said the board should allow the re-use and improvement of existing buildings to discourage abandoned and blighted structures.

Ogomoro told the Gualo Rai residents that water bottling processing and some other commercial activities are uses that are allowed within the village commercial zoning districts, and if the residents prefer not to allow such uses in their areas, they would need to request the board to recommend rezoning their entire village to village residential instead.

Ogomoro made this statement in response to some

residents' comments that they don't want this type of business in the Gualo Rai area.

Despite Ogomoro's recommendation, all six Saipan zoning board members voted to disapprove the conditional use permit application.

Diamond Water's Bing Zhe Jin said that transferring the facility will help the company cut costs because majority of its customers are from lower areas away from Capital Hill.

"I want to help the people at Gualo Rai so that everybody who wants low price or need water delivery for city water will have access to it," Jin said.

Gualo Rai resident John Reyes said the business does not belong in a residential area.

"It is inconvenient for the traffic and I am building my house just across from that area. There isn't any other nuisance except Marpac. They have a convenience store but I have no objections to that because it is good for the neigh-

The applicant has to provide DPS with the names of all employees that will have access to firearms or that will be expected to handle firearms, and has to submit to a safety inspection by DPS, among other things.

Under HB 18-193, DPS may promulgate regulations that limit the number of firearm dealer licenses available on each CNMI island and concerning safe storage of firearms.

Leon Guerrero, a former DPS police officer, will formally introduce the bill at the House's scheduled session on Thursday.

borhood," Reyes told Zoning's board members.

Another Gualo Rai resident, Vicente C. Camacho, said the biggest issue is traffic and safety.

"There is always a big cluster of traffic. People are getting more reckless in driving," Camacho said.

New Gualo Rai resident, Felipe Atalig, said that Diamond Water's transfer will result in social devastation to the community and will disrupt activities.

Jin noted that Atalig is a customer of Diamond Water but Atalig clarified that he is actually a "former customer."

Jin also noted that Gualo Rai does not have 24-hour water service and that their company could provide that service to the community if needed.

House Vice Speaker Francisco Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) supported the Gualo Rai residents' concerns. He asked Zoning's board to not approve the conditional use permit.

International to use public lands in San Antonio to build a new hotel with at least 200 rooms.

Moreover, two investor groups are vying for a license to exclusively develop an integrated casino resort on Saipan worth at least \$2 billion and with at least 2,000 guest rooms.

The investors are Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. and Best Sunshine International Ltd. As of today, there is no telling where either of them will put the integrated casino resort should they bag the exclusive Saipan casino license.

DFS Saipan Limited is also planning to build a 350-room luxury resort hotel near the former Samoan housing in Garapan.

Major development projects are on the pipeline with the local tourism-based economy surging after years of slump. U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez's recent announcement extending the CW program by five years or up to 2019 also ensures that the CNMI continues to have access to some 10,000 skilled and professional foreign workers to help sustain its economy.

MHS PTA meeting on Wednesday

All Marianas High School parents, teachers, and students are invited to attend the last PTA meeting for this school year on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 6pm in the MHS Dolphin Theatre. The meeting will include an update on the projects requested by MHS administration, future events, and a report

from the MHS Student Council, followed by performances by the student who will be competing in the June 22 International Thespian Festival in Nebraska. We will be entertained by the talented students and the students will gain experience performing for an audience. It's a winner of an evening for all! (MHS)

MEDICARE

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anas Pubic Land Trust.

Corporation CEO Esther L. Muna confirmed yesterday that the agency received Friday the news that the Medicare cost report settlement will be paid before the end of the month.

Saipan Tribune learned that CHCC has about \$3.5 million for its Medicare cost report reimbursement for fiscal year 2012 final settlement and fiscal year 2013 tentative settlement. These reimbursements, it was learned, has nothing to do with the CHCC regular billing.

At a recent MPLT board meeting, it was reported that CHCC had pledged that once it receive this reimbursement, that money will be used as a reserve fund for the payment

of the line of credit on or before its due date.

Instead of the per drawdown request for the line of credit, the MPLT board last week decided to release the full \$3 million to augment the operational needs of the hospital.

Muña was appreciative of this action by the MPLT board.

"We are grateful to the MPLT board of trustees for approving the third drawdown from the line of credit and assisting CHCC and the CNMI's lone hospital to meet its obligations in providing health services to our community. With this financial assistance and with the last Friday's news from Noridian that the Medicare cost report settlement will be paid before the end of the month, CHCC will continue to move forward in its plans to uncover savings, capture revenue, without reducing the quality of care," she told Saipan Tribune.

DPL

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they continue to meet with the government," Hofschneider told Saipan Tribune.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) echoed Hofschneider's statement that the investor has yet to present its investment plan but the group is interested in a "world-class golf course, resort and gaming facilities according to their letter to DPL secretary."

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz also said it's going to be a hotel-casino and golf course, along with several amenities. He said a business plan is expected to be submitted soon.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, in a letter to Coonie Zhu of Capital Equity Legal Group Shanghai Firm, said the department intends to lease to the firm and will eventually enter into a lease agreement with them provided they submit certain requirements.

Besides general information, the company is required to submit to DPL within 30 to 45 days a development plan, business plan, time schedule of completion of project; amount of investment proposed; and financial capability; overview, qualifications and experience and labor requirements.

DPL also requires the investors to pay in full a nonrefund-

able application fee of \$1,250 for public land smaller than 1 hectare, or \$2,500 for public land larger than 1 hectare or for a proposed investment of \$500,000 or more.

"Upon receiving notification of the Secretary of DPL's approval, the applicant will be required to do the following, with all costs to be paid by the applicant: Secure and submit to DPL an approved survey plan for the site. Survey work must be coordinated with the DPL Planning Division. Secure and submit to DPL an appraisal report prepared by an independent certified appraiser showing the fair market value," Tenorio said.

DPL will review the submissions before deciding whether to go ahead with the lease or not. If an agreement is reached, a draft lease will be submitted to the Legislature for approval.

The lease provision will be for 25 years, with an option to extend it for an additional 15 years or a total of 40 years.

The site being considered is the same spot formerly leased by Marianas Resort Development Co. for its Pulan Hotel project. It is located on the southwest side of Tinian, between Lasarino and Puntan Diablo.

Currently, Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino on Tinian is the only operating casino in the CNMI.

MARPI

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and consists of 168,000 square meters.

Jerry Tan, president of Tan Holdings, said that having projects on both private and public lands is in the CNMI's "best interest."

"As there are also other interested bidders for the public land, we believe that it is in the best interest of the CNMI to have both projects, thereby enabling the CNMI to achieve maximum economic benefits," Tan said in a May 14 letter to DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio.

On June 5, Tenorio offered the Marpi public lands to E Land's MRI, being the second short-listed firm in connection with DPL's request for proposal.

As of yesterday, Tenorio said DPL has yet to receive formal response from E Land's MRI.

"They told us they will still have to consult with their principals in [South] Korea. We just sent the letter, so we are giving them time to think about it," Tenorio told Saipan Tribune in

a phone interview.

Tenorio said DPL's evaluation committee has recommended MRI be offered the Marpi lease and that Gov. Eloy S. Inos approved the committee's recommendation.

"Thus, DPL is officially notifying you of its decision. DPL and the governor appreciate your response on this offer at your earliest convenience so as to enable DPL to proceed with its alternative plan for the public land at Marpi should you reject the offer," Tenorio said in his one-page letter Thursday to MRI chief operating officer Tae Ho Kim.

In January this year, DPL picked Tan Holdings over E Land's MRI for a planned long-term lease of almost 10 hectares of public lands in Marpi.

Tan Holdings and E Land's MRI bested three other investors that also submitted proposals.

In his letter last month, Tan thanked the DPL secretary and his staff for working with the joint venture "on drafting the terms and conditions of a public lease of Pau Pau Beach Resort."

"However, after careful analysis, I regret to inform you that Tan Holdings and Sunshine 100 (joint venture) will be withdrawing from participation in this RFP. Our joint venture recently acquired a tract of private land in the CNMI. Management has decided to proceed with the utilization of private land for this proposed development project," Tan told Tenorio in a one-page letter.

Tan also thanked DPL for giving the joint venture the opportunity to participate in the Marpi land RFP.

"With 32 years of presence in the CNMI, we remain fully committed to our continuing investment in this community. We look forward to future opportunities in working with your agency," Tan added.

Tan Holdings is one of the largest private sector employers in the CNMI. It owns Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan and Kanoa Resort in Susupe, among other hotels, and other investments in the CNMI.

DPL is also in the process of signing a lease agreement with Hong Kong-based Honest Profit

CHCC energy cost-cutting measures take effect

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In line with the hospital's goal to cut down on its power consumption, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s facilities department has endorsed to the CHCC board multiple energy cost-cutting measures that will lower utility expenses to a level that is sustainable for the agency.

Facilities department manager Warren Villagomez recently submitted a two-page report identifying all these energy cost-cutting measures.

Villagomez said that new upgrades and retrofitting in the hospital's lighting system would reduce energy consumption. It was reported that computer-controlled lighting panels and

zone control on less-use areas have been enforced, along with upgrading to newer lighting systems including LEDs, induction lighting system, T-8, energy-efficient parking lot lighting, and photo luminescent exit signs.

He said that CHCC also cut night site lighting to create an "economize mode" for oversight when the hospital is at its lowest occupancy.

"We make certain that the lighting up close to the building and all entrance and exit doors will remain on, along with any emergency fixtures lighting pathways," he reported.

Depending upon circuiting and how the site is wired, he said CHCC may be able to turn off some areas completely, or every other fixtures throughout the main body of

the parking lot.

"While the occupants of the building are heading home for the evening, we should make sure that areas being used remain lit until traffic and density decreases in those areas, then shut off those in between spots, rows, and sections," said Villagomez.

He also reported about scheduling equipment off when not needed, repairing controls that are out of calibration, adding or enabling features to existing controls to improve system efficiency, and repairing insulations, seals, dampers and valves on equipment or systems to eliminate wasted energy.

CHCC, according to Villagomez, also teamed up with

Sablan Topline housekeeping, security officers, and maintenance personnel to ensure all these energy cost-cutting measures are enforced.

Villagomez said CHCC is now also turning off vending machine lights to reduce energy consumption while it closely monitors the hospital kitchen operation, including monitoring warming temperatures.

"Because we don't have submeters in our kitchen, we must look at the manufacturer's specification on each piece and manually calculate what the impact of two to three hours less time would be," he explained.

In patients' rooms, a quick and no-cost way to reduce energy consumption is by assuring

drapes are closed to shoulder width in the summer to prevent heat penetration. This could also prevent the loss of heat from the guest room throughout the windows, he said.

All office small refrigerators that are not essential to the operation of the unit are now limited or removed.

Villagomez recommended that all staff lounge in Building 1 and 2 be used for staff breaks and lunch hours.

Rather than having water dispensers in every office or working area, centralized water dispensers for employees were also put in place.

According to Villagomez, the completion of the HVAC project is expected to reduce energy

consumption at the hospital because it will replace the cooling system and water heater tank with a more efficient unit.

Villagomez assured that all these measures will reduce CHCC's utility bills while not jeopardizing patient safety and patient care, including staff and visitors.

At present, CHCC monthly power consumption is at over \$500,000—an amount CHCC admits is not sustainable for the agency.

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The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, GPPC Inc., to replace a gate valve on Saluda Street. This project is part of the Navy Hill Water Line and Pressure Improvement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The water outage will affect businesses and residents in Hotel Street, Lower Navy Hill, Lower MIHA, and Chalan Pale Arnold Road from Smiling Cove Road to Angaha Street.

CUC's operations team and GPPC will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

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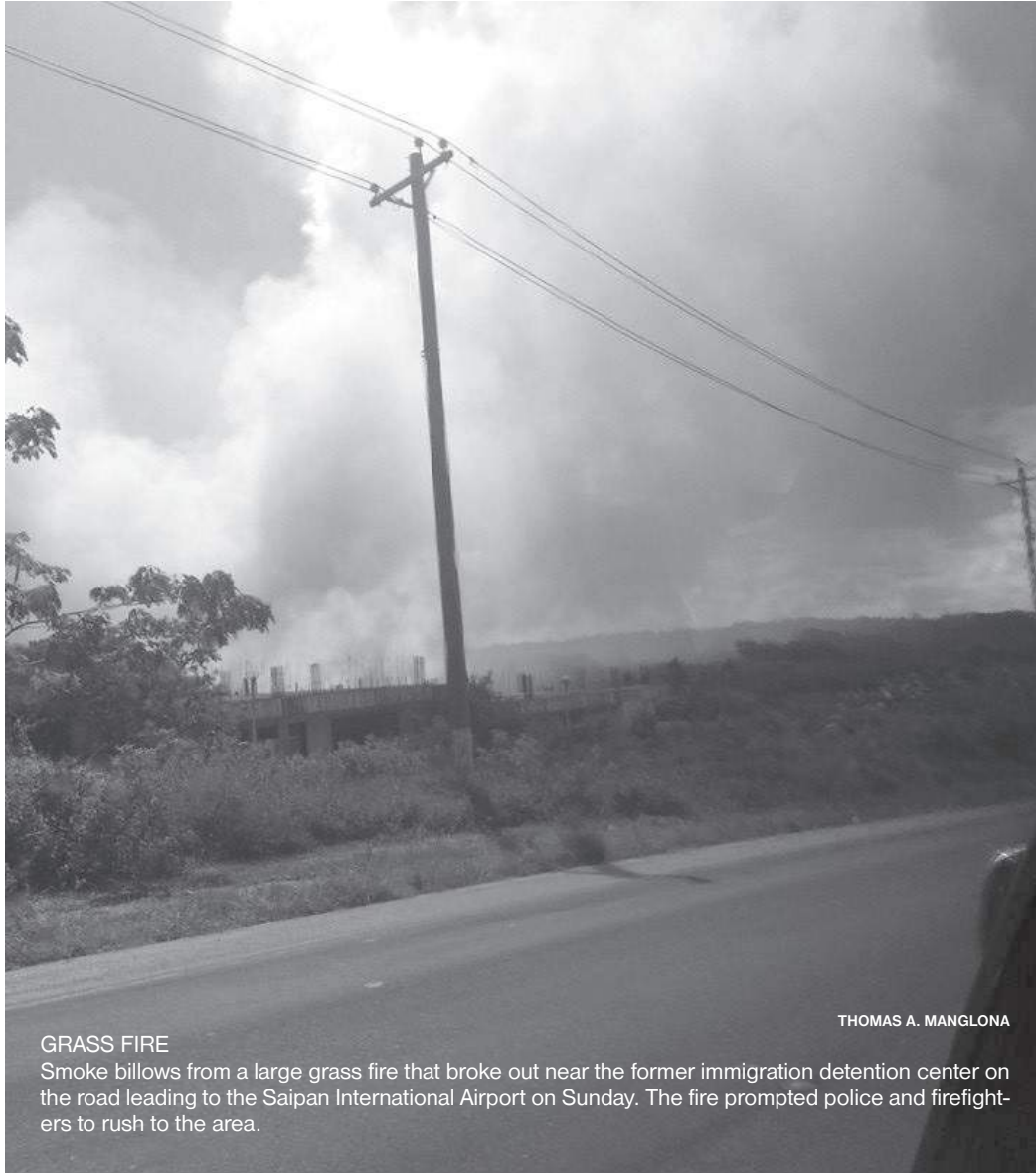
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GRASS FIRE

Smoke billows from a large grass fire that broke out near the former immigration detention center on the road leading to the Saipan International Airport on Sunday. The fire prompted police and firefighters to rush to the area.

THOMAS A. MANGLONA

Manta Band ready for its annual concert tomorrow

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Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band director and conductor William DeWitt announced yesterday that the musical group is all set for its annual concert tomorrow night, June 11, at the school's cafeteria.

He invited the public to grace the special performance beginning at 6:30pm. It is free and open to the public.

On this special occasion, the band will be conducted by current student conductors and band alumni Donovan Tudela, Ian Rogolifoi, Keoni Borja, and Allen Park.

DeWitt disclosed that be-

ginning, intermediate, and advanced bands will perform selections such as music from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Chicago*, *Pearl Harbor's* movie soundtrack, *F.U.N.*, *March of the Spinner Dolphins*, and more.

"Come out and see for yourselves why SSHS students are so passionate about making music. Bring the entire family. Experience what their award-winning sound is in person," said DeWitt.

Meantime, DeWitt said the Saipan Pacific Winds annual concert is scheduled on June 12 beginning at 6:30pm at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret. Admission ticket costs only \$5 and may be obtained from band members or pur-

chased at the door.

This concert will be conducted by Christine Nierras and Donovan Tudela. A special appearance by the percussion ensemble that won the 2014 Tumon Bay Music Festival is also among the night's highlights.

For this Pacific Wind concert, the music will include favorites by Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Kenny G, Barry Manilow, and John Philip Sousa.

Desserts and drinks will be sold separately.

This celebration coincides with the 20th anniversary concert of the CNMI's first and only community concert band. This will also be Nierras' final concert with the band after 10 years as co-conductor. Nierras will be relocating to the U.S. mainland to continue her career.

Arts Council seeking artists, food vendors

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture is seeking artists and food vendors for the 3rd Art in the Park event that will be held on June 28.

The Arts Council will be partnering with the CNMI Museum for the event, which will be held at the NMI Museum grounds across the Taro Sue Store on Middle Road.

"The purpose of this event is to help and promote our talented local artists and to give the general public an opportunity to witness their artworks," said Fe McMahon, the Arts Council's visual and traditional arts coordinator, in a statement to *Saipan Tribune*.

According to McMahon, the event will feature local artists in

the CNMI who will display and demonstrate their arts and crafts to the public.

All interested artists are encouraged to register at the Arts Council's office on Capital Hill.

"Also, we are inviting interested food vendors to take this opportunity to sell their food at this event," McMahon said. "Please take note that the spaces for this event is limited. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis."

Registration fee will be \$25 for registered artists, \$50 for non-registered artists, and \$100 for food vendors.

For more information contact McMahon at (670) 322- 9982 or (670) 322-9983. (*Jayson Camacho*)

State honors for Mayor Flores today

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has ordered the rendering of state honors for the funeral of the late mayor of Saipan, Donald Glenn P. Flores, today.

Because Flores was serving his term of office at the time of his death, he will be honored



Flores

Burial and before his inter-

ment at his final resting place, Inos will present the CNMI flag to Flores' widow, Cecilia Flores. And in a final tribute, DPS officers will render a 17-gun salute and the playing of the Taps.

Since Flores' passing, Inos had ordered the U.S. and CNMI flags to fly at half staff. (*Office of the Governor*)

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Man, 27, gets 5 yrs. in prison for sexual abuse of minor

A 27-year-old man was slapped with a five-year prison term without the possibility of parole for sexually abusing a then-15-year-old girl last year on Saipan.

Daniel M. Williams pleaded guilty last week in Superior Court to sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree as part of a plea deal. He was represented in the case by assistant public defender Eden Schwartz.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Williams to 10 years in prison, all suspended except for five years, to be served day-to-day without parole.

Williams was given credit for six months and seven days of time served. He was remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections and is expected to complete his prison term on Nov. 26, 2018.

Upon his release from prison,

Williams will be placed on probation for four years. During the duration of probation, he will be required to perform 100 hours of community service, and is prohibited from having direct or indirect contact with the victim.

Williams will be required to submit to an examination focusing on sex offender counseling, undergo an HIV test, register as a sex offender, and pay a \$100 fine and \$100 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

According to the plea deal, Williams sexually abused the then-15-year-old girl in June 2013 on Saipan.

As part of the plea deal, assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy dropped the remaining charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that a man called a police detective

last Nov. 25, 2013, to report that Williams sexually abused his daughter.

Kintoki said she interviewed the girl that same day and she told police that Williams first sexually abused her in June that year.

The girl said she was sleeping in her bedroom when Williams came inside and repeatedly asked her to have sex with him. The girl said she refused, but he insisted and sexually abused her.

The girl claimed that Williams sexually abused her more than five times whenever her parents and siblings were asleep.

The father felt suspicious about Williams so he confronted his daughter if there was anything going on between her and the suspect.

The daughter then told her father of what had been happening, prompting him to call the police. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

600 Japanese students to visit Saipan

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Six hundred Japanese students plus 230 staff and personnel will be visiting Saipan to immerse themselves in the history of the island this month.

According to Pacific Eagle Enterprise Inc. president Willie Matsumoto, the students will be arriving aboard a ship that will dock at Charlie Dock in Puerto Rico.

According to Matsumoto, the group is the 41st JC Japanese Youth Goodwill Cruise "Tokai-go" and consists of 600 students. They are expected to arrive this Wednesday, June 11.

The 230 staff and personnel will be arriving today, June 10,

to prepare for the students upon initial arrival at 11pm.

Matsumoto said the students will be staying on the ship while it is docked at Charlie Dock, while the staff and personnel will be staying at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

"They will sail to Saipan for training, carrying youth who are responsible for creating the future of the next generation. The purpose of this visit is to learn the history of Saipan and experience tropical climate and fascinating culture of this beautiful island," Matsumoto said in an earlier email to *Saipan Tribune*.

The Japan Travel Bureau's Pacific Micronesian Tour on Saipan and Pacific Eagle will be

working closely with the group.

JC Tokai group will also be hosting a party at Fiesta Resort's beach side.

JC Tokai is a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Tokai district in Aichi, Gifu, Mie, and Shizuoka prefectures in Japan.

They have visited Saipan three times ranging from 500 to 600 students in 2000, 2007, and 2010.

"I hope that they have a wonderful experience, make a bond of friendship and goodwill between Japan and CNMI even if they stay a limited time. Nowadays, I heard, the Japanese arrival is always going down, but we always encourage to sell our wonderful destination to [the] Japanese," Matsumoto said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Class of '89 activities

The Marianas High School Class of 1989 will be holding a special Mass this Friday, June 13, starting at 6pm, at San Jose Church. The Mass is being held in celebration of the MHS Class of '89's 25th year reunion. For more information, contact Gernadine Camacho at 483-1433. (*PR*)

MHS PTA meeting tomorrow

All Marianas High School parents, teachers, and students are invited to attend the last PTA meeting for this school year tomorrow, June 11, 2014, at 6pm in the MHS Dolphin Theatre.

The meeting will include an update on the projects requested by MHS administration, future events, and a report from the MHS Student Council, followed by performances by the student who will be competing in the June 22 International Thespian Festival in Nebraska. We will be entertained by the talented students and the students will gain experience performing for an audience. It's a winner of an evening for all! (*MHS*)

CCA board meeting on June 17

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on June 17, 2014, Tuesday,

at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. (*CCA*)

Air Force, Coast Guard training on FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 10-11, from 9am to 3pm, and June 12, from 10am to 7pm.

The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on June 11-12, from

8am to 4pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (*PR*)

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GOP names official Tinian slate

The CNMI Republican Party held a Precinct 6 Organizational Meeting on Tinian last Saturday, June 7, 2014.

Sen. Francisco M. Borja, who is interim chairman for the Tinian GOP, introduced CNMI GOP president James A. Ada, who officially called the meeting to order. Several

announcements were made regarding the GOP calendar of events and the agenda for the evening, including the election of precinct officers.

After some discussion, the members unanimously elected Borja as chairman, Eric Cruz San Nicolas as first vice chair, Antonio Boki Evangelista as

second vice chair, Ana Rita King as secretary, and Evelyn B. Manglona as treasurer.

At the same meeting, the Tinian GOP Precinct Club unanimously selected and endorsed the following as the official 2014 CNMI Republican Party candidates for the Tinian and Aguiguan Municipality: Joey

Patrick San Nicolas for mayor; Francisco Q. Cruz for senator; Jude U. Hofschneider for senator; and Charlene Manglona Lizama for House of Representatives.

With these endorsements, the CNMI Republican Party now has a complete slate of candidates for the governor and Lt.

governor, mayors, senators, and House members from all seven election districts or precincts.

The GOP Mid-Term Rally is scheduled for Aug. 23, 2014, and the Final Rally is set for Oct. 25, 2014. Both GOP rallies will be held at the Civic Center Beach and Basketball Court areas in Susupe, Saipan from 10am to 3pm.

For more information, contact the CNMI Republican Party at P.O. Box 502825, Saipan, MP 96950 or contact the GOP Office at (670) 233-4467 (4GOP) or email at cnmigop2014@gmail.com. Voters are also invited to visit the GOP website at www.cnmigop.org or Like us on Facebook at "CNMI Republican Party." (GOP)

Property near Aqua Resort Club changed to village commercial

»Lot will be used for condominium project

The Saipan Zoning Board has rezoned to village commercial a lot that has two zoning districts during a board meeting last Thursday.

The applicant had requested to change the zoning district of the entire lot to village commercial for a condominium project. The area is currently zoned as both rural and village commercial. The lot is located in Achugao along Chalan Pale Arnold next to Aqua Resort Club.

Zoning administrator Therese Ogumoro said it had been zoned into two zoning districts due to the passage of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, which required that Chalan Pale Arnold be rezoned up to 300 feet from the centerline of the street on both sides.

"The purpose is for a condominium and it would be a good fit for a village commercial so we are asking to consider the property as village commercial," said Chris Fryling, the ar-

chitect for the proposed project.

Zoning board chair Diego Blanco asked why the area was zoned rural while the other half have been zoned village commercial. "My concern is that if we rezone this lot tonight, why not rezone the rest of the area?" Blanco said.

Other lots had also been zoned into two zoning areas.

Ogumoro said within a section of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 the applicant can choose which of the zone they would pick as the zoning area and that the staff would make a recommendation for approval.

"The Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 put in these corridors as you know so that is one of the reasons why we had no one come in to make one of these requests before, but the law requires the applicant to ask the board to which zone it prefers to be in," Zoning legal counsel Kate Fuller said. (Jayson Camacho)



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Kagman Elementary School My WAVE Club students, parents, and club advisers come together to beautify the Forbidden Island Lookout Area.

KagES My WAVE Club beautifies Forbidden lookout

On June 7, Kagman Elementary School My WAVE Club students, parents, and club advisers came together to beautify the Forbidden Island Lookout Area. This completed the last of the club's many projects throughout the school year. Forbidden Island was one of the club's biggest projects as students were up as early as 6am to spruce up the area.

The group managed to pick up more than 10 trash bags full of garbage from the surrounding areas. According to some students, most of the trash were

aluminum cans, plastic bags, empty juice boxes, and bottles. Overgrown brushes and vines were also cleared to brighten up the lookout deck. However, one of their proudest accomplishments was successfully replacing the dilapidated tins on the Forbidden Island sign and freshly repainting the area.

Amy Amirez, KagES My WAVE Club adviser who spearheaded this project, was pleased to see that the students and parents were enthusiastically working together to beautify one of Saipan's main attractions. It was

one of the main reasons why the group was prompted to adopt this area. According to Amirez, many of the tourists get lost on the way to the area because there really isn't any clear signs to show them the way.

Others involved in the Forbidden Island Lookout beautification project are KagES My WAVE advisers Dorothy Santos, Grace Figueroa and vice principal Peter Arriola, along with parent volunteers Fabian Muña, Ladi Muña, Jun Muña, Toby Muña, Novelyn Tenorio, Manny Tenorio, Chris Rapug-

pai, Melvina Litulumar, Steven Vanwinkle and My WAVE Club members Armani Adkins, Mandy Tenorio, Devin Kapileo, Maronica Manibusan, Jude Litulumar, Herman Sablan, John Pangelinan, Jonathan Torres, Riley James Estella, and Nicholas Berdon.

The Kagman Elementary School My WAVE Club would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support and reminds everyone to keep our islands beautiful and to Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically (WAVE)! (KagES)

GOOD JOB!



We would like to congratulate Clarence R. Tenorio, who will be a part of Hopwood Jr. High School's promotion class on June 10, 2014. Your family is very proud of you and wish for a bright and successful future. With love from across the many miles, Mom, Champ, and family.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 9, 2006

'No room for displaced govt workers'

Rather than realize some savings, the government's planned termination of employees may prove more costly as it would result in increased unemployment, less purchases, and less revenues for the public sector. To begin with, the business sector has no capacity to accommodate displaced government employees at this time, said Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Charles V. Cepeda in an interview yesterday. "We are not prepared to accommodate these government workers," said Cepeda. "To do that is tantamount to sending the nonresident workers home. But we can't just get rid of nonresident workers. We have contract agreements and to do otherwise would mean lawsuits," said Cepeda. This developed as the Executive Branch is poised to hand down termination letters to excepted government employees today as a cost-cutting measure.

Biz sector says no to Miller bill

Leaders of the local business community have expressed strong opposition to the new minimum wage and immigration takeover bill that

California Democrat Rep. George Miller introduced in Congress, describing the measure as "highly politically charged" and exaggerated. Charles V. Cepeda, president of Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said that any push for a minimum wage increase at this time "is detrimental to the economy." Lynn Knight, chair of the Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands, said Miller's bill causes "uncertainty and a political distraction we don't need right now." "I have not seen the bill, but based on media reports, what the congressman said is largely old, sensationalized issues rehashed. Once again, I'm sad to see the CNMI become a scapegoat in American politics," said Knight.

June 9, 2007

More cuts eyed in workers' benefits

The Department of Labor is also considering a policy that will allow employers to reduce the workers' benefits on transportation, power, gas, and water. Assistant attorney general Dorothy Hill, who serves as Labor counsel, said other workers' benefits that may be deducted include the value of transportation to and from work, electricity, gas, and water furnished to the employee for personal use. Hill made the recommendations to Attorney General Matthew Gregory and Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas due to the impending wage hike.

Chamber fears filing of more frivolous cases

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce believes that foreign workers are filing frivolous complaints against their employers to keep their status in the CNMI and possibly qualify for federalization. This even as the business group expressed exasperation with the federal govern-

ment over "green card" talks for guest workers. "Continued talk from federal officials with respect to 'green cards' for nonresident workers is creating an untenable situation. Workers are filing frivolous labor claims in the hopes that they will be able to outrun the clock and be here when any such program is put in place," said Chamber president Juan T. Guerrero in his remarks during a meeting with Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne this week on Saipan.

June 9, 2008

'CUC just doing full cost recovery'

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Antonio Muna said that, except for the Fitial administration, no other administration had the courage to actually implement 100 percent cost recovery for utilities. Referring to the newly increased electric rates, Muna said the Fitial administration is focused on fully resolving CUC's problems and is the first one to go with full cost recovery.

Increased demand for US passports seen

The Honolulu Passport Agency has urged U.S. nationals and citizens hoping to travel abroad next year to apply for passports now. Nancy K. Finn, regional director of the Passport Agency, said the amount of time required to obtain a passport is expected to increase significantly. The U.S. Department of State expects to issue over 21 million passports in 2008 and 30 million in 2009. "We want to encourage U.S. nationals and citizens to apply for their passports now, rather than waiting until they have an emergency, or until next spring when we expect that we will again be extremely busy," Finn said.



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Our promotees and senior high school graduates represent the hard work, perseverance, commitment and dedication that we, as public education stakeholders, leaders and advocates, have worked on this past school year.

As School-Year 2013-2014 comes to a close, it also opens a new chapter in the lives of our public school students. We have triumphed yet again in our continued pursuit to move forward and deliver the same purpose for what we, as stewards of public education, are entrusted upon.

Best Wishes!

ADMIRAL HERBERT G. HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 pm, Tuesday, June 10, 2014, Hopwood Campus Stage

CHACHA OCEANVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
9:00 am, Thursday, June 12, 2014, Marianas High School Gymnasium

DR. RITA H. INOS JR. HIGH SCHOOL
11:00 am, Friday, June 13, 2014, Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. High School Campus Stage

TINIAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL
11:00 am, Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Tinian Jr. High School Cafeteria

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KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL
3:00 pm, Wednesday, June 11, 2014, Kagman High School Stage

DR. RITA H. INOS HIGH SCHOOL
5:00 pm, Friday, June 13, 2014, Round House

MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 pm, Monday, June 16, 2014, Marianas High School Gymnasium

SAIPAN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL
4:30 pm, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, Saipan Southern High School

TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL
5:00 pm, Wednesday, June 18, 2014, Natibu Park

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'Godzilla of Earths' goes where no theory has gone

There's a planet circling a star 560 light-years away in the constellation Draco that shouldn't be there according to what used to pass for conventional wisdom in planetary formation.

Dubbed Kepler-10c because it was initially spotted by the Kepler space telescope, the exoplanet is twice the size of Earth but contains 17 times our planet's mass. Further investigation by the team at the Telescopio Nazionale Galileo in the Canary Islands determined that Kepler-10c is a rocky world with an atmosphere. It is also believed that it contains water despite its high surface temperature.

This wouldn't be so shocking if the 11 billion-year-old planet weren't so darn big. Because of its size, this mega-Earth, which is too hot to harbor life as we know it, has already earned the nickname "Godzilla of Earths" by scientists a little too tuned in to what's playing in the multiplexes.

If Kepler-10c were part of our solar system, we would expect it to conform to the model provided by planetary giants like Jupiter and Saturn. Those giants are composed mostly of gas.

Theoretically, planets of Kepler-10c's size aren't supposed to be such solid, rocky specimens. Kepler-10c was formed 3 billion years after the Big Bang, a time on the cosmic scale that is considered too early for planets of its size and density to have formed.

So, scientists are now confronted with the existence of an ancient rocky planet far older and bigger than Earth that should be a gas giant given its mass. There are probably billions more like it that we'll begin to stumble upon in the coming years.

To say our previous theories of planetary formation are in need of a drastic update is an understatement. Who says there's nothing new under the sun? Sometimes a planet that defies all expectations is circling that very sun.

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Syria's sham election is a terrible reminder

Syrian President Bashar Assad has won a third term in office with 88.7 percent of the vote.

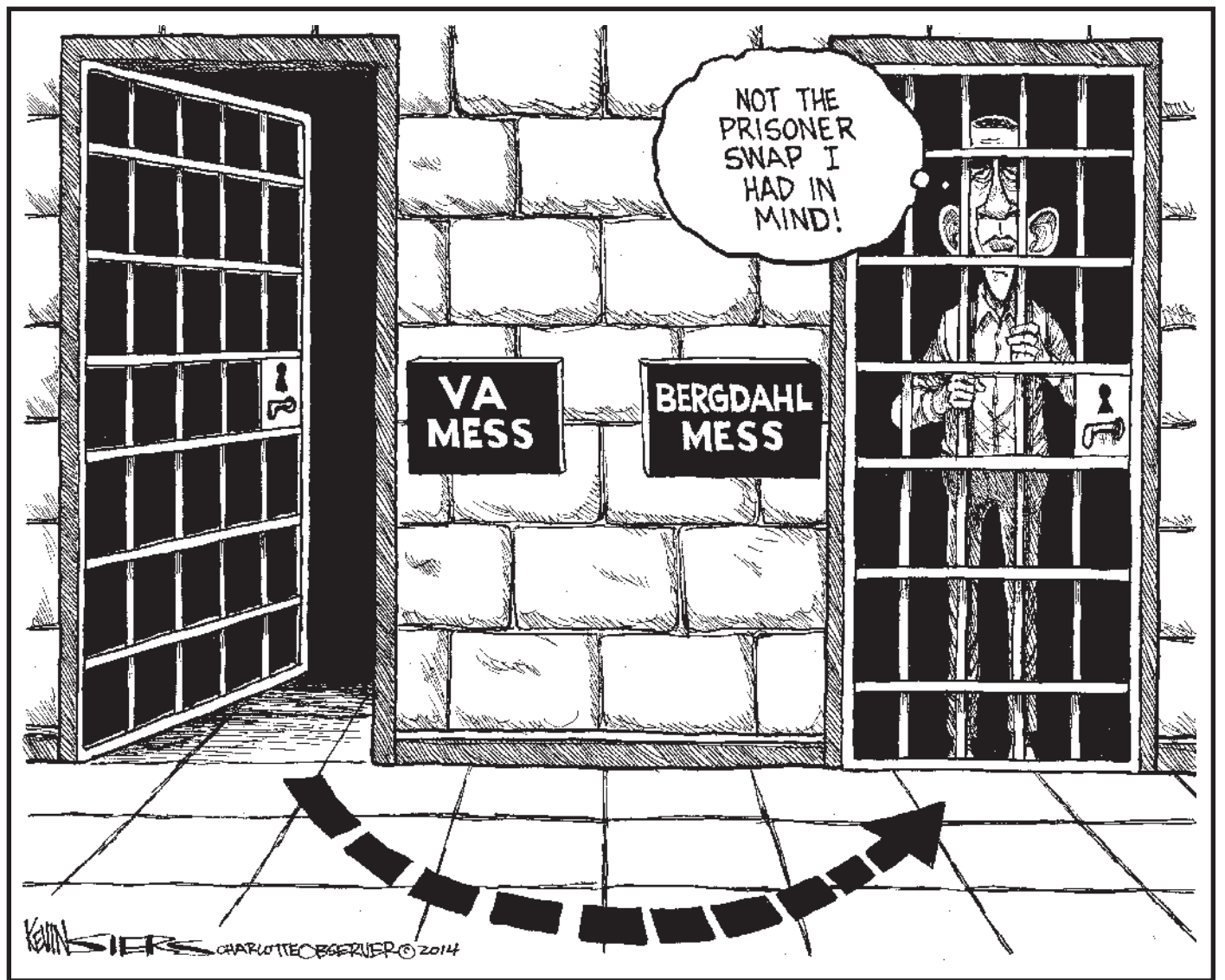
Some Syrians celebrated with fireworks and gunfire, while millions of others—displaced across the border, confined to towns blockaded by extremists, living in rebel-held territory—didn't join the festivities. Nor did the 150,000 people who've been killed in Syria's worsening civil war.

The election was an insulting charade—the British Foreign Office called it "a grotesque parody of democracy," and the United States and many of its allies have issued similar denunciations.

Voting took place only in areas controlled by Assad, reports of coercion were widespread, and absentee voting in neighboring Lebanon was largely fraudulent. Many of the Syrians interviewed in Lebanon admitted to voting for Assad because they were afraid of being banned from re-entering Syria.

In the Syrian Baathist newspaper al-Thawa, the editorial pages were rife with unthinking, pro-Assad propaganda—one title reads, "Congratulations to the commander and the people" while another excitedly proclaims, "This is Syria!"

See SYRIA on Next Page



Alberta's tar sands

I head back to Alberta from Texas to begin a family trek through Chicago and San Francisco the next two weeks. I am finishing a weeklong collegial reflections with members of the Realistic Living Institute in Bonham, Texas, and the sense of social responsibility relative to the planetary environment echoed by SA Desmond Tutu's comments after a tour of the tar sands at Fort McMurray in Alberta while I transited in Calgary at the end of last month.

Earlier, Tutu's judgment on Alberta's tar sands had not been complimentary. "The fact that this filth is being created now, when the link between carbon emissions and global warming is so obvious, reflects negligence and greed," Tutu told attendees at a conference on tar sands development and treaty rights in Fort McMurray. "Oil sands development not only devastates our shared climate, it is also stripping away the rights of First Nations and affected communities to protect their children, land and water from being poisoned." The archbishop signed a petition against the Keystone XL pipeline project and expressed in an opinion column that the effort is "appalling."

Davis Sheremata for TransCanada Corp. that wants to build the Keystone pipeline emailed that fossil fuels have a positive impact. "Oil powered the jet that flew Mr. Tutu to Canada from Africa, produced the fuel for the helicopter tour he had planned of the oil sands, and helped manufacture the microphones and TV cameras for his press conference," he wrote. Evidently, the effort to persuade the archbishop didn't work. Sheremata's opinion was also ingenious, alluding to hypocrisy if not ingratitude, in my reading, on Tutu's part. Tutu stuck to his earlier proposal that humanity act together to end a threat that already affects the planet and creatures in it.

Nothing is starker than reasoning that an activity is justified because it profits from a need, is a boon to local employment, and has "negligible" adverse impact on the environment, compared to other factors. In fact, a native group whose lives is affected by the project is very supportive of the endeavor for the amount of revenue and support it receives from the investing company.

One can Google the merits of the arguments for and against the mining of tar sands and the construction of a pipeline to transport it from the pits to the refineries thousands of miles to the Gulf of Mexico. Our reflection is on the ability of those who wield moral influence like Desmond Tutu to stick to their prophetic voices, particularly in light of attempts by marketing corporates to provide band-aid countermeasures to mitigate harm from their activities.

An elderly colleague from Houston spends his waning year putting his body into the barbed wires of history, particularly the planned construction of the tar sands pipeline, Keystone XL. Formerly a cor-

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porate vice president of an oil company, he has since questioned the necessity of fossil fuel as energy source for power given the available alternatives that are less detrimental to planetary processes.

Those I have met in Calgary were no less supportive of the pipeline construction since tar sands mining in McMurray would be an asset to the provincial coffers and a boon to local employment. Besides, they are clear that the issue is not whether tar sands mining will continue since it will, nor is it a question transporting it elsewhere since the demand is there. If the pipeline is not going to be built, it simply means that the tar sands will be transported by some other means.

The pipeline itself is really not a major point of protest as it is the safest way to transport the tar sands if it were to reach U.S. refineries in the Gulf of Mexico. The objection to tar sands and the pipeline comes to those who will simply just tell the truth, the prophetic truth, about the way life is, as not simply needing a "repair" of existing systems of dysfunctionality like our energy power sources of polluting hydrocarbons, but a radical dismantling of the whole system of oil-dependence, knowing that alternative technologies are not only in place but are more than affordable. The issue is being trapped in a dependence on habit, albeit marketed efficiently by existing corporate powers and the willingness to think and act realistically beyond the box.

Can the emerging industry of unneeded tar sands be stopped on its tracks? Can we afford a moratorium on all new coal-fired power plants? (China dots its *Nei Menggu*, Inner Mongolia, with strategically located coal plants fed from 24/7 coal trucks from fossil fuel rich Shaanxi.) Can we drum up the cause of available and affordable alternative energy sources?

The role of prophets in history comes with the lucidity that the audience will not listen. The prophetic truth is clear: *Burning fossil fuel is a "crime" of massive destruction against the planet and all its life forms, including humanity!*

Tutu and his ilk of clerical collars are fading. We need authentic voices from the ordinary secular crowd to begin telling the truth. Would we dare? Do we care?

Gi halom te`ug pinadese

Sige difirientes galun kabayerun politika man-ana`sikát palabrá haye lumuñu` linala` publiku gi halom mutuñg na fache` sisonyan linala` miserapble.

Lamegai mañanau gi yinalaka` harinan sapet kontra i publiku pa`gu. Esta sigeyu` chumaleg tuyan sa` ni unu malagu umatmite haf` dañosu bidaña.

Ai na che`chu` chanseru para uma-malefan ñaihon na gai intellihente i publiku ya ha sen tuñgu` haf` asuntoña.

Guiya este na maña i mefnu` sinparat mientras sige ta`lu machalegua` otro munton dinage. Dalai` `ste! Man-namase` na kabayerus sa` ni siha ti matuñgu` man-esgin manu siha na potta. Pot ihemplo atan i sigiente siha:

Ti ma-apase dibin gobietnu guatu gi progman man-ritirau estake kosus (broke). Lau sige ta`lu masañgan na para uma-aregla. Na ti esta ha` inna` broke? Deste ñgai`an na guaha nina` siñan miyu munala`la` i matai?

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Maseha manu ta atan, tat depattamentu yan ahensian gobietnu ti mamatmos` gi halom milag dibi. Mana` ayau i CHC tres miyon lau maliñgun halom gi apas dibi ya trabiha ti todú kinubre nu ayu na inayau fondu. Sige pa`gu ma-eñgulu` taimanu mapat-ten tiau i sumen dididi` na monedan iya Marianas.

Gigon guaha disposision ya ti nahoñg mapatteña tat kumu CHC yan PSS, gupot kulan fandañgu para u huyuñg sa` masakrisia i man-malañgu yan famaguon eskuela.

Dalai ya gi halom mas ke 50 na offisiat publiku taya` mauleg yan sanu na hinassu gi disposision kumakadidiñg na fondun publiku? Sen ti mapot i asunto lau hombre tiempon eleksion ya ni unu kabales niyogña gi usun disposision minaleg i linahyan. Siha ha` yan i politikan niha mofo`na ke interes i publiku. Dios mihu!

Diskuidon ginen halom

`Nos kuantos biyon pesos nina`en federat para Marianas deste

1978. Hu komprende usun este na salape` gi preparasion para tapan siña manachu gi dos adeñgta gi bandan ekonomia.

Gi mediu ochenta na sakan machuchuda kahan Marianas salape`. Dispues ni un` sentimos guaha piot sa` mas menos kontribusion tax. Masusede este deste hinanau fakterian magagu ni kumilili` huyuñg otro siha bisnis guine.

Mampos dañkulu maliñguta kontribusion bisnis deste ayu na tiempu. Maseha guaha dididi` fina` adelantun ñamu, mampos chagu` i nesessidat kontra i sumen dididi` na moneda. Ai, kontodu offisiat publiku man-gaige gi filan publiku kadu` guiya lokue` mana` kahaga` lau pot diskuidun niha.

Bien felis Mayor Flores

Na`triste hinanau Mayot Donald Flores pa`gu na semana. Grasiou, magof yan animosu man-ayuda gi tautauña. Tatnai fatta i mañge` chalegña gi halom konbetsasion. Hu tuñgu` si mayot deste tiempon mame gi Lali Fo`. Mauleg na amiguhu ya sumen agradesiyon na tautau.

Hu tuñgu` si nanaña Auntie Margaret yan mañeluña siha. Si Don yan defuntu che`luña Juña i apayon-hu. Adios primu, si Yuus Ma`ase` nu todú. I tinayuyot mame u gaige gi familiamu na semana. Si Yuus Ma`ase` yan bien biahe!

Namase` I Prohimu

`Nai masoda` sin dinida na guiya pumunu` i defunta prohima Ms. Romero masentensia esta` i finataiña gi presu si Joey Crisostimo. Mampos te`ug i sentiment piot ya patgonmu `sino che`lumu i mapunu`. I impetu chumaba` sensian kilisyanu yan inasi` I guihe na momentu.

Halom yan huyuñg asunto siha man-mafattu `nai hu konsid- edera haf` i prohimu Joey na mamunu` sin heñiun mina`añau `sino konsensian kilisyanu.

Kau i amot binenu umafekta titanosña? Manu gi titanos dinisaffekta `nai sumuha konsensian respetu gi linala` otro tau-

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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tau? Guaha riniseta gi prohimu gi este na banda? `An huñgan, haf` na ayudu guaha para guiya? Na`mase` piot ya niguiya tiha komprende haf` masusede.

Malagoyu` kumonbetsiasune i prohimu pot para bai` kesoda` fina` mañaña gi konsensiaña pot para bai` esgaihon halom gi safu na puetton sinetsut kumu kilisyanu. Na`mase` masotta namaisa sin appottunidat lumipa haf` gaige gi konsensiaña. Un dia bai bisita maseha pot che`chu` kilisyanu.

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Guaha kampu gi alacha ta estira hila`ta sumogne otro `an guaha seriosu na problema guine. Pa`gu na biahe man-dimalas hit sa` ni unu gi hagas eskusu gaige gi halom kostat. Man-hanau lokue` man-bakasion ya ni unu tumuñgu` ñgai`an siha mage.

Esta ta tatantan kestat-ta para ta li`e kau guaha u poduñg huyuñg. Seru! Kontodu i kestat esta matiteg yan yayas lokue` matotbus ni hagas `an eskusu. Man-hanau lokue man-bakasion ya ni unu para u birague`. Dios tiampare `an todú `ste na finatane`.

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Pinilo-ta na man-faye hit lau hita mismu fumaila` maisa chatfinayi-ta gi megai na asunto. Pot ihemplo, haf` na para u guaha dos muchacha gi un` familia lau man-risisibe ayudon food stamps? Na ti este na ayudun federat para ti muna` siña yan na`mase`? Ya para un` gai muchacha? Dididi` ti umaya kuestasña este na diskuidu. Dios mihu!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hey! PSS, NMC and NMTI students

School is almost out for the summer break. Here is a plan for you that can be instituted before you reconvene in the fall. The 300 kids I've talked to love it and I think you will too. It's a simple plan, easily implemented, saves lots of money and lets kids be kids and young adults be treated like the adults you are. This system lets you control your future, not old-fashioned adults that probably can't even program a cell phone. It's a little more involved than I've outlined below but these are the basic tenants.

■ STEP 1: Buy 13,000 touch screen tablets, they cost about \$60-\$70/each, one for every kid from Pre-K through NMC and NMTI and every teacher. You can fund them through a \$5 per case tax on beer or just take the \$900,000 for the Museum and really put some money to good use for a change.

■ PRE-K TO G3: For grades Pre-K to G3, load each up with 80 or 100 free educational apps, at least 10 each in different subjects for each grade up to G8. No it won't ruin the kids. You get rid of the tables and chairs and let them sit where they want and talk to each other and show each other what they found. It's amazing to watch. One hour tablet, two hours outside playing. The sociologist and psychologist in each teacher need to watch and keep notes on each child's behavior. Teachers don't need an expensive tracking program, you can make one on Excel or download one free. Every kid will make and upload a video to YouTube every month from their own tablet, with the teacher's help of course. Singing, acting, dancing, speaking, playing. Whatever the child does. If a child shows aptitude in any area, let them make more. Never say no because this is an esteem building lesson. These are the grades that kids learn reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, social skills and communication. Never mind proper English until G9. The metric system will be taught.

■ G4 to G8: For grades G4 to G8 you need high speed WiFi. YouTube will be the primary medium of instruction, Google secondary. It is in these grades the kids are introduced to job classifications at BLS and at least one hour per week will be spent in this site. In all grades the class will be split into about equal groups of four to seven and left to collaborate on projects assigned. By 7th grade, the groups will designate their own projects. Every week one member of each group will rotate to another group. Every project will be outside the classrooms, at least one day a week for G4 and G5 and two days a week for G6 and G7 and three days a week for G8. They will be real projects, not some rinky-dinky crap like I've seen 14-year-olds make at Hopwood. All these projects will incorporate multiple elements of learning, social studies, environment, arithmetic (not math), history, culture, science, technology, communications, and oth-

ers. Every project will be videoed and uploaded to YouTube. There will be no desks, buzzers, bells, whistles or sirens going off herding kids into another place or time.

■ BEYOND G8: At the beginning of the 8th grade, students will start really thinking about their future and what path they want to take and what knowledge they will have to acquire to achieve that goal. By the end of the year they will be 90 percent sure what they want to do. They will have three distinct directions: Technical, vocational, or academic. Technical utilizes technology, computers, engineering, chemists, biologists, botanists, marine specialists, doctors, architects, artists and performing artists, astronauts, environmentalists, scientists and the like. Vocational will be mechanics, plumbers, construction, electrical wiring, equipment operators, chefs, hotel workers and other hands-on trades. Academics are lawyers, publishers, reporters, librarians, teachers, politicians, business persons, and others. You don't need algebra or have to read Charles Dickens to drive a truck, you will have to have calculus to be an architect. You won't have to have world history to be an actor but you will have to have world history to be a history teacher. You will only take subjects directly related to your interests.

■ G9 is the dividing point. Depending on the students' choice they will spend as few as three more months in vocational school for maintaining a bush cutter to eight more years for an intern.

■ There will be some students that change their mind after a period of time, could be six months, could be six years. Makes no difference, it's up to them and they can just re-enter at any start of classes, in any class they would have had to start in had they just continued.

I've done studies with kids and I have been taking university courses for over two years with my tablet, the Internet (thank you JKPL and Mobil, Subway and Winchell's and the other free hotspot sites) and YouTube/Google and I know it works. I've never bought or read a book. Another thing I've learned is that every kid and young adult has to have their own tablet and that some will figure out one thing and another will discover something else, but, they will always share what they find between themselves and they do better if no adult is interfering. Just leave the younger ones alone with their apps and just leave the young adults alone period. Adults can observe and keep notes.

Your schools have plenty of room, your teachers all have the basics. Two hours and they can be experts in this new curriculum and they can actually use 90 percent or their present lesson plans. If there are any Doubting Thomas' out there, contact me at garydubrrall@gmail.com.

You are about 11,000 strong. If you demand change, probably nothing will happen because they still think of you 14 to 18 year

olds as "kids." But it will also tell you a lot about how and who runs the CNMI and where they think your place in it should be.

It's time for the PSS to demand, and the folks on Capital Hill to fund, this for the future of the CNMI. It's also time for companies like Docomo and IT&E to put routers around the islands where the kids and young adults live, as a community service maybe?

Gary Dubrrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

Help support the casino

I am writing in support of establishing a casino industry here on the island of Saipan. Casino is a very sensitive and a controversial issue, especially in a predominantly Catholic community.

Over the years, the people of Saipan have spoken strongly in opposition to the establishment of casino here in our island. However, as a retiree, the 25-percent cut in my pension has severely impacted me financially with my bank accounts, hospital bills, payment to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and several others, to name a few.

I know that many of our people also share the same experiences and sufferings and so I invite you to joined me in supporting casino since it is the only venue for us to bring the needed revenues for our government.

Yes, indeed there were concerns with the original law in establishing a casino. However, those have been addressed by the amended law. I also disagree with the Lottery Commission's decision to allow Marianas Star Entertainment Inc. back into the bidding process after rejecting their application. Allowing Marianas Star back into the competition is grounds for lawsuit should Best Sunshine International lose out in the selection process.

Let me close by urging our people to support a casino on Saipan for it is the only means of revenue generation for our government's many financial constraints in the entire CNMI.

Herbert S. Del Rosario

San Antonio, Saipan

SYRIA

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What a reminder.

This "election" is worse than a travesty. It's a degrading confirmation of Assad's dogged commitment to suppressing and slaughtering the people of Syria. It's a reminder that he isn't going anywhere.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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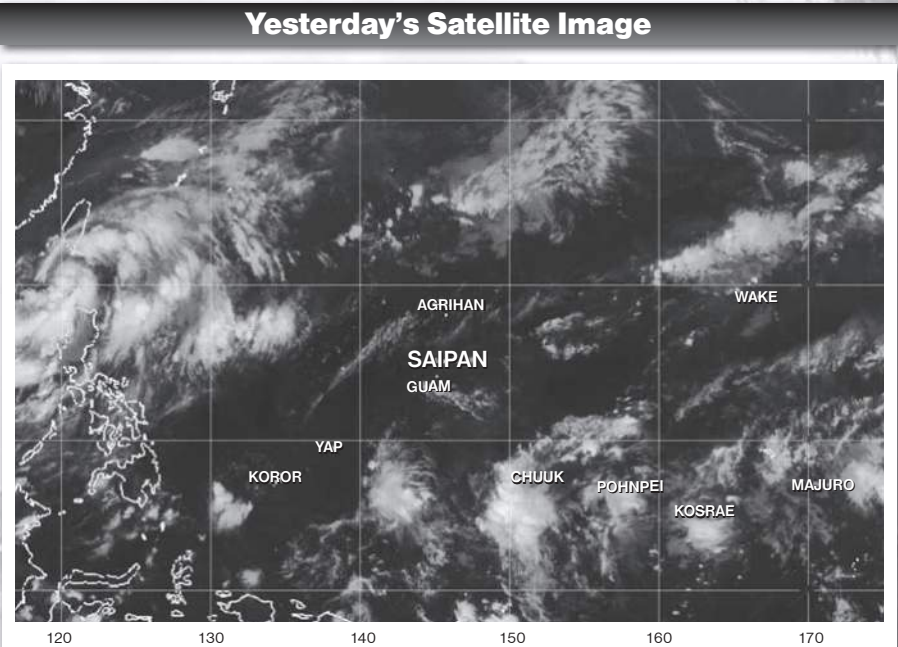
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 81
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 81
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 81
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 81

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲ 61 ▼ 53
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 67
Hong Kong	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 79
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69 ▼ 53
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 60
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 76
New York	Showers	▲ 79 ▼ 66
Osaka	Rain	▲ 77 ▼ 68
Paris	Showers	▲ 76 ▼ 58
Pusan	Showers	▲ 69 ▼ 62
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 69
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 74 ▼ 49
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲ 70 ▼ 54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 59
Tokyo	Rain	▲ 76 ▼ 69
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 71

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
5:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:44 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
7:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas or west of a line from 24N136E to 16N136E. Similar weather is occurring southwest of Koror between 7N and 5N from 130E to 133E. A tropical disturbance centered southeast of Yap near 7N142E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 9N and 5N from 141E to 145E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with a trade-wind disturbance are located mainly west and south of Weno Chuuk between 9N and 1N from 148E to 152E. A surface trough runs southwestward from 15N160E to 6N153E to EQ153E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located mainly west and south of Weno Chuuk between 9N and 1N from 148E to 152E farther northeast. Scattered showers are found within 100 miles of a line from 8N154E to 17N162E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Marshall Islands within 150 miles of a line from 8N172E to 7N176E to 3N and the date line. A nearly stationary front stretches southwestward from 25N165E to 18N155E. Low-level convergence ahead of the frontal boundary is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north and east of Wake Island within 130 miles of a line from 20N159E to 25N177E.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM	Today	3:54 PM	2:57 AM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM	Wednesday	4:51 PM	3:45 AM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM	Thursday	5:51 PM	4:38 AM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM	Friday	6:52 PM	5:35 AM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM	Saturday	7:51 PM	6:36 AM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm 1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm 2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm 2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:20pm 2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm 3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:45am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1 1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am 1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm 1, 3, 5, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm 1, 3, 5, 7	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am 4, 7	MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1 3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am 1, 5	MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am 2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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DL287/473	6:05am	10:00pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1 5 via GUM
			UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1 2, 5 via GUM-Rota
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am 1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm 3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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Widower sues US govt to obtain humanitarian parole

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A Bangladeshi widower who has been living in the CNMI for 18 years now and whose U.S. citizen wife died less than three years after their marriage is now suing the U.S. government for filing a case for his deportation.

Obaydul Hoque Bhuiyan, through counsel Joseph E. Horey, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue an order declaring that he has been lawfully present in the CNMI since Nov. 28, 2009, when the federalization of immigration took effect.

Bhuiyan is asking for a mandatory injunction requiring the U.S. government to immediately grant him humanitarian parole-in-place in the CNMI.

He also asked the court to issue a mandatory injunction to entertain any application that he may make for a CW-1 permit, or any other federal visa, permit, status

or other relief, on the basis that he is lawfully present in the CNMI, and without any necessity of him departing the CNMI to apply.

Bhuiyan wants the court to bar the U.S. government or its agents from asserting that his presence in the CNMI is now unlawful, or has been unlawful at any time from Nov. 28, 2009, to the present.

Bhuiyan is demanding payment for his costs and attorney's fees in filing the lawsuit.

In the complaint filed Friday, Horey stated that Bhuiyan first came to the CNMI from Bangladesh in 1996, and has resided in the CNMI continuously since then.

On March 5, 2004, Bhuiyan married Ana Atalig, also known as Ana Atalig Torres, a U.S. citizen.

After his marriage, Bhuiyan applied for and was issued an immediate relative permit by the CNMI government. Bhuiyan renewed his permit in 2005

and 2006.

Horey said that, on July 7, 2006, about two years and three months after her marriage to Bhuiyan, Atalig died.

After Atalig's death, Bhuiyan renewed his IR permit in 2007, 2008, and 2009. Bhuiyan's umbrella permit was valid through Nov. 27, 2011.

Beginning in August 2010, Horey said that Bhuiyan, anticipating the looming federalization of CNMI immigration law, looked into whether any federal immigration status was available to him.

Horey said Bhuiyan encountered documents, published by the U.S. government on the Internet and elsewhere, advising that an alien spouse of a U.S. citizen whose citizen spouse had died before Oct. 28, 2009, and who did not have a Form I-130 on Oct. 28, 2009, could obtain permanent resident status in the U.S. as a widow(er) of a citizen by filing a Form I-360 (petition for Amera-

sian widow(er) or special immigrant) by Oct. 28, 2011.

In fact, the lawyer said, the avenue of eligibility described in the publications Bhuiyan encountered was lawfully available only to persons who, unlike him, had been married for less than two years at the time of the death of their citizen spouses.

However, Horey said, the publications Bhuiyan encountered did not mention that limitation, and a reasonable person of ordinary intelligence reading the publications would not understand that any such limitation existed.

On Aug. 29, 2011, Bhuiyan filed a Form I-360 with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Horey said the Form I-360 clearly indicated Bhuiyan's date of marriage (March 5, 2004) and the date of his wife's death (July 7, 2006), making it readily apparent that Bhuiyan and his wife had been married for more than two

years at the time of her death.

On Sept. 27, 2011, USCIS approved Bhuiyan's Form I-360.

On Oct. 23, 2011, Bhuiyan filed the Form I-485 required as the final step for an alien in the U.S. to adjust status to that of lawful permanent resident.

On Aug. 17, 2012, Horey said the U.S. government revoked Bhuiyan's previously approved Form I-360, as he and his wife had been married for longer than two years at the time of her death. Bhuiyan was told that his Form I-360 had been "inadvertently approved."

On Oct. 6, 2013, Bhuiyan's Form I-485 was denied, due to the revocation of his Form I-360.

On Feb. 12, 2013, Bhuiyan applied for humanitarian parole-in-place, which was denied.

On March 12, 2013, Bhuiyan was issued a notice to appear for removal proceedings, on the ground that he was "an immigrant not in possession of a valid unexpired immigrant visa."

On May 8, 2013, Horey said, removal proceedings against Bhuiyan were administratively closed, but could be reopened at any time.

Horey said that, on Aug. 15, 2013, Bhuiyan again applied for humanitarian parole-in-place, but to date, there has been no response to this application.

"As a consequence of his detrimental reliance on defendant's conduct, Bhuiyan remains in danger of removal from the CNMI," the lawyer said.

Horey said his client has also been rendered unable to secure employment on a CW-1 permit, for the reason that eligibility for such a permit requires lawful presence in the CNMI at the time of application.

Draft SEIS public comment period extended by 15 days

SANTA RITA—On June 5, 2014 the Department of the Navy extended the public comment period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement by 15 days to 2 July, 2014 (Chamorro Standard Time).

The Draft SEIS was published by the Department of the Navy on April 18, 2014, and assesses the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of a cantonment, including family housing, and a live-fire training range complex in Guam to support the relocation of approximately 5,000 U.S. Marines and approximately 1,300 family members to Guam.

Comments for consideration should be submitted via mail to the Joint Guam Program Office Forward at P.O. 153246, Santa Rita, Guam 96915, or via the SEIS website at <http://guam-buildupeis.us/>.

The public meetings for the Draft SEIS were conducted on 17, 19, and 20 May.

"We received valuable feedback from the citizens of Guam during the public meetings. Although there is some risk to the program schedule, we recognize the importance of public input and have decided it necessary to extend the comment period by 15 days. We encourage the public to continue to provide feedback via mail or on our website. Your input will help us to better understand the effects of the proposed actions," stated Joe Ludovici, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Infrastructure Strategy & Analysis) and Director of the Joint Guam Program Office.

For additional information about the proposed military relocation and the associated SEIS process, visit our official website at <http://guam-buildupeis.us/>. Members of the community may also sign up at the website to receive electronic notifications when new information is posted. (PR)

Marianas Eye Institute offers scholarships to attend high school in Europe

Marianas Eye Institute announced yesterday that it has set aside funds to support high school and junior high students from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, who may wish to live and learn at Townshend International School in the heart of Europe.

Townshend International School is a co-educational non-profit school that for the past 22 years has welcomed students from 98 countries and territories. In addition to providing outstanding academics, the school places emphasis on character development, spiritual development, and in preparing young people to be of service to others and to contribute to social progress. The school serves children from pre-K through high school.

Dr. David Khorram, co-founder of Marianas Eye Institute, explained the reason behind the scholarships. "When our daughter, Nava, who was born and grew up on Saipan, turned 15, she wanted to spread her wings a bit. She was looking online and found Townshend International School in Europe," he said. "Of course, we were hesitant to let her go, but as we talked with the school director, with staff, and with students, we were convinced that she would be well-taken cared of at Townshend."

Since the time Nava started at Townshend in August, she has been thriving, and this is the reason Marianas Eye Institute decided to offer scholarships, Khorram said. "We wanted other students from the CNMI to have the opportunity for this same wonderful educational experience."

Townshend International School uses the Cambridge curriculum, which along with the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate



Nava Khorram, from Saipan, far left, with classmates from Switzerland, Norway, Russia, and Uzbekistan at Townshend International School. Marianas Eye Institute is offering scholarships for junior high and high school students to attend Townshend.

curricula, are the most common college preparatory curricula worldwide. Townshend students routinely enter the best universities in the United States, Europe, Asia, and Australia. At the same time, the school has a strong English as a Second Language program, helping students who are learning English to strengthen their language skills for university.

Russ Quinn, CEO of Marianas Eye Institute, said, "There are excellent schools on Saipan, and we're lucky that both the public and private schools offer great education for the kids in the CNMI. This is a different kind of opportunity—the chance to have a broader experience, to make international friendships, to live and study in Europe, while getting an outstanding academic education. We're excited to offer these

scholarships for students from the CNMI."

Townshend is located in a peaceful village overlooking the countryside of South Bohemia, in the Czech Republic, near the borders of Austria and Germany. The surrounding area is dotted with historic castles, lakes, rivers, and beautiful villages that are centuries-old.

"Although I miss Saipan, there are so many things I love about Townshend," said Nava. "First is the people. I've made such amazing friends living in the dormitory. And it's international—friends from Norway, Germany, Italy, Indonesia, Luxembourg, England, Japan, and Korea...teachers from Spain, Uzbekistan, Australia, and Scotland. It's amazing."

Nava described that the school works hard to build unity among all the students by giv-

ing them the opportunity to get to know people they normally would not interact with. "There aren't cliques or exclusive relationships here. You know everyone and everyone is friendly," she said.

Khorram said it was not an easy decision to let their daughter leave home at such a young age. "We thought about it carefully, and our biggest concern was her well-being. But after learning about the dorm parents, the youth-year of service, the warm and loving environment at Townshend, the emphasis on character development, and spiritual growth, along with its focus on service and social progress, we felt it would be a gift for anyone to attend Townshend. We hope that a few junior high or high school students from the CNMI will seize the opportunity to start at Town-

shend in August."

More information about Townshend International School is available at www.townshend.cz. The first step is to apply and be accepted to the school, and CNMI students should request an application from admissions@townshend.cz. Please mention that you are from the CNMI.

Marianas Eye Institute, which is funding the scholarships, provides total eye care, including one-hour glasses, contact lenses, medical eye care, advanced cataract surgery, diabetic eye care, and laser treatment. Marianas Eye Institute has been recognized by Retinal Physician Magazine as "one of the best-equipped eye clinics in the Asia Pacific region." Marianas Eye Institute is located on Beach Road Garapan, Across 13 Fisherman Monument. (MEI)

CUC to reformat general billing statements

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan W. Fletcher has disclosed that the agency is currently working on reformatting the general billing and disconnection statements for its customers.

This, he said, is the management's response to the request of the utilities board after the latter raised concerns over the implementation of Public Law 17-68. That law extends the grace period for residential customers to pay for utility services by 21 days after the

billing due date.

Fletcher pointed out that CUC complies with the terms of this public law but it did initially create a cash flow problem for CUC as customers simply adjusted their payment schedules for the later date.

Saipan Tribune learned that questions concerning the effect of this law on the billing process came up at a recent CUC board meeting. At that time, management explained the collection process and how the law is being followed.

The board, Fletcher said, requested that billing statements be streamlined for better cus-

tomers understanding.

"Staff are currently working on reformatting the general billing and disconnection statements in response to the board's request," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

P.L. 17-68 was enacted after the Legislature found that the CUC mails utility service billing statements to customers each month. Due to unforeseen circumstances with the postal services, residential customers may not receive their utility service billing statements in a timely manner. As such, residential customers have less time to collect the funds to pay their bills

when they finally receive their billing statement. The Legislature found that this is especially

true for residential customers on Tinian and Rota. Customers from Tinian and Rota often re-

ceive their billing statements after the disconnection notice has been placed in the mail.

Taiwan 'Intern to the Marianas' shares island warmth



Taiwan's "Intern to the Marianas" Sunny Lin, third from left, visited the Marianas Visitors Authority office on April 17, 2014, to learn about the Beautify My Marianas program as part of her tour of Saipan and Tinian. Lin was accompanied by Taiwan media outlets Nextmedia, TVBS, and Suntravel.com.tw. Pictured from left are Chiang, Huan-Min; Chiang, Chi-Wei; Lin; MVA marketing specialists Laura Hsiao and Agatha Ketebengang; and MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

To increase awareness of the Northern Mariana Islands in Taiwan, the Marianas Visitors Authority has selected an "Intern to the Marianas" winner from a contest that garnered 400 video entries. Fifty-year-old Sunny Lin received the most votes in the contest, in part for her presentation of an original island dance.

NextMagazine, the most popular magazine in Taiwan with a viewership of 10 million, the highest rated news station TVBS, and newspaper and website Suntravel.com.tw accompanied Lin on her trip to Saipan and Tinian in April 2014. While covering a large number of activities and attractions in the Northern Marianas, the media coverage of Lin's

internship specifically aimed to position the islands as a sports destination.

On her first day in the Northern Marianas, Lin visited the Marianas Visitors Authority, took a submarine tour, visited the Garapan Street Market, and experienced diving, parasailing, and a barbecue lunch at Managaha. On day two Lin took a tour of historic and scenic sites in Marpi and visited 360 Revolving Restaurant, I Love Saipan store, and Kinpachi Restaurant. She also played golf with a pro at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort, enjoyed a cultural dinner show at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, took a jungle tour with Pretty Tour, went snorkeling at Grotto, visited Mandi Asia Spa, and dined at Pacific

Islands Club Saipan and Aqua Resort Club.

"The MVA's representative office in Taiwan continues to work diligently in creating more programs that generate awareness of the Northern Marianas, and Intern to the Marianas Sunny Lin—as her name implies—has been wonderful in helping us share the warmth of our islands with a relatively new Taiwanese audience," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman.

While on Tinian, Lin took a tour of the House of Taga, Tachogna Beach, Chulu Beach, the Tinian Blow Hole, and World War II historic sites.

She also participated in the Saipan Marathon, placing 3rd in the Half Marathon course for her age division. (*MVA*)

Lot near Aqua Resort changed to village commercial

The Saipan Zoning Board has rezoned to village commercial a lot that has two zoning districts during a board meeting last Thursday.

The applicant had requested to change the zoning district of the entire lot to village commercial for a condominium project. The area is currently zoned as both rural and village commercial. The lot is located in Achugao along Chalan Pale Arnold next to Aqua Resort Club.

Zoning administrator Therese Ogumoro said it had been zoned into two zoning districts due to the passage of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, which required that

Chalan Pale Arnold be rezoned up to 300 feet from the centerline of the street on both sides.

"The purpose is for a condominium and it would be a good fit for a village commercial so we are asking to consider the property as village commercial," said Chris Fryling, the architect for the proposed project.

Zoning board chair Diego Blanco asked why the area was zoned rural while the other half have been zoned village commercial. "My concern is that if we rezone this lot tonight, why not rezone the rest of the area?" Blanco said.

Other lots had also been

zoned into two zoning areas.

Ogumoro said within a section of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 the applicant can choose which of the zone they would pick as the zoning area and that the staff would put a recommendation after approval.

"The Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 put in these corridors as you know so that is one of the reasons why we had no one come in to make one of these requests before, but the law requires the applicant to ask the board to which zone it prefers to be in," Zoning legal counsel Kate Fuller said. (*Jayson Camacho*)

Govt, CHHC in talks with woman taken to CHC's psychiatric ward

The CNMI government and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. are currently in negotiations in an attempt to settle a woman's \$1.2-million lawsuit over her alleged forced removal from her house on Rota by a police officer and other persons and her detention in the psychiatric ward of the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan.

Plaintiff Kaye Christian and the defendants, through their counsels, informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Thursday about the ongoing settlement talks.

Christian's counsels are Jeanne Rayphand and Matthew Holley, both of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc.

Assistant attorneys general James M. Zarones, Charles Brasington, and Ghassan Harb are counsels for the CNMI government, Rota police officer Eusebio Manglona, CHCC, CHCC chief executive

officer Esther L. Muña, and Dr. Francois Claassens.

The parties, through their lawyers, informed the court that they are attempting to settle the lawsuit without the need for further litigation.

The defendants asked the court to extend the time to respond to the lawsuit to June 17, 2014. Christian agreed to the request.

In her lawsuit, Christian is demanding damages for pain, suffering, and emotional distress. She asked for a court order directing the CNMI government and co-defendants to implement procedures to prevent the use of excessive force by police officers and health care personnel.

She asked the court to issue an order directing the CNMI government, CHC, Muña, and Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero to educate and train police officers and healthcare personnel about

the Involuntary Commitment Act, the Patient's Rights Act, and conflict management and restraint procedures.

According to Christian's complaint, Manglona and 10 unnamed persons entered her home without her consent on Dec. 31, 2013, at 1pm.

Without provocation, Manglona allegedly grabbed Christian's arm, twisted her arm behind her, carried her down the stairs, and handcuffed her. Christian was then allegedly handcuffed to a stretcher and brought to the Rota Health Clinic. At the clinic, she was injected with medicines.

On Jan. 1, 2014, Christian was brought to Saipan where she was allegedly involuntarily committed to the psychiatric ward at CHC. She was released from the ward two days later.

The complaint did not mention why Christian had to be transported to the psychiatric ward. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Snorkel Around Managaha on June 28

The Marianas Visitors Authority's annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament returns this month with a new name. The first Swimming Festival in Managaha (6th Flipper Race) will be held on June 28, 2014. Organizers plan to make it an annual event.

The MVA is inviting all swimmers and snorkelers to discover the underwater wonders of Managaha with a 1.5K course around the island.

For 11 consecutive years Managaha has been named "Best Beach and Snorkeling" at Japan's annual Marine Diving Fair, and local swimmers are invited to join visitors in exploring the submarine beauty of the island this month.

"Based on the recommendation of our Japan office to attract more participants, we are presenting the same stunning beauty of Managaha under a new name this year—the Swimming Festival in Managaha," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "If you've never had a chance to explore the award-winning underwater scenes of Managaha, the swimming festival is the perfect time to do so under the watchful eye of our safety volunteers."

Managaha is the most popular site for visitors to Saipan. Twenty-seven participants joined the annual signature event of the MVA last year, a figure the MVA predicts to more than double this year.

This unique race requires swimmers to use wetsuits or



The first Swimming Festival in Managaha, formerly the Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race Tournament, will be held in the Northern Mariana Islands on June 28, 2014. The event is organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan.

life jacket and fins along with mask and snorkels. Awards will be given for Overall Male and Female (first, second, and third place), Junior Male and Female (ages 10 and under, 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18). Competition age divisions are: 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-and-up. Ferries will depart Smiling Cove Marina to Managaha promptly at 4:45am the morning of the race. The race will begin at 6:30am, followed by an island-style breakfast and awards ceremony on the white sand beaches of Managaha.

The cost is \$25 for Northern Mariana Islands residents with valid I.D. The deadline to register with the MVA is June 27, 2014, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm during the orientation at the American Memorial Park amphitheater on Saipan. Participants

must be in good health with snorkeling or diving experience.

The event is jointly organized by the MVA and the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan. Sponsors include Japan Marine Recreation Association, Japan Recreational Diving Industry Association, Japan Scuba Association, Japan Wetsuits Manufacturers Association, University life Sport Education Society, and Northern Mariana Diving Operators Association. Co-sponsors of the event are Delta Air Lines, Japan Saipan Travel Association, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, DFS Saipan, and the Commonwealth Health Center.

For more information or to register, visit the MVA Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or call Ed Diaz at (670) 664-3210. (*MVA*)

Business

Vodafone report sparks global surveillance debate

NEW YORK (AP)—Telecommunications company Vodafone's report on government surveillance of its customers in 29 countries reveals more than first meets the eye—and is raising questions from Dublin to Delhi about how much spying on email and telephone chats happens in secret.

In Friday's report Vodafone said most countries required the company's knowledge and cooperation to hear phone calls or see emails, but at least six governments have given their security agencies the power of direct access.

Vodafone didn't identify the countries that have tapped into



In this Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 file photo, people walk by a Vodafone branch in central London.

its network, but the report provided some clues. An 88-page appendix reveals that five countries—Albania, Egypt, Hungary, Ireland and Qatar—have provisions that allow authorities to demand unfettered access.

In vague language, the report also indicated similar powers could exist in India and the United Kingdom, too.

In too many cases, Vodafone said, governments kept both the company and wider society in the dark about what was happening, with laws explicitly forbidding government disclosure of any details of its electronic eavesdropping.

Ireland, a European hub for many social media and communications companies, re-

fused to tell Vodafone anything about how its national police accessed its wireless and internet services. The Irish situation is muddled further by the fact that its laws on the subject date to 1983 and 1993, when mobile and email communication were still in their infancy.

The Irish government defends the need for electronic

surveillance to combat Irish Republican Army factions and Ireland's criminal underworld. But Ireland's civil liberties watchdog accused the government of legal laziness over the past two decades of telecommunications innovation.

"Our interception laws were drafted in a pre-digital age and are plainly no longer fit for purpose," said Mark Kelly, director of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties.

Kelly said he has asked the government to confirm whether it operates "direct access pipes into the networks of telecoms operators."

Other European countries are far more open. In Germany, for example, the government publishes annual statistics. In 2012, the most recent year of disclosure, Germany said it made 18,026 requests to phone companies to hear 23,687 calls.

Wiretapping of phones and accessing of call records for law-enforcement purposes is a decades-old and accepted practice even in the most open democracies. With backing from courts, police can request cooperation from phone companies to access communications.

Be careful raising delicate issue of co-worker's sick leave

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Question: One of our co-workers routinely takes medical leave for an ongoing "emotional problem." For the last six years, "Sonia" has missed several days during each pay period. Amazingly, she always seems to need the exact number of days that we are allowed to take.

Sonia does an excellent job when she is here, and we do feel compassion for her emotional difficulties. However, her frequent absences are beginning to affect morale. Whenever she is out, the rest of us have to take up the slack and serve her customers as well as our own.

We feel that Sonia is taking unfair advantage of the leave policy, but so far management doesn't seem to be addressing the issue. What should we do about this?

Answer: Although most people use medical leave appropriately, dishonest employees sometimes find ways to game the system. I have no way of knowing whether Sonia falls into this category, but I do know that six years is a long time to expect co-workers to cover for her.

Because medical records are confidential, management can't discuss Sonia's circumstances with you. So instead of questioning the validity of her leave requests, explain how these frequent absences are affecting the business, then ask for help in handling the extra work.

For example: "As you know, Sonia takes several days of medical leave each month. Because we have to divide up her workload, customers don't get served as quickly, and we can't spend as much time with them. Sonia's personal situation is not our concern, but we would like to explore some options for dealing with her absences."

Abuse of leave is a tricky issue, so managers who suspect cheating should consult with an experienced labor attorney. When employees look for clever ways to get paid for not working, management must find equally clever ways to close those loopholes.

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Q: Six weeks ago, I requested a meeting with my boss to discuss my performance and ask for a raise. She made positive comments about my work and said she would get back to me about the salary increase. After sending her two email reminders, I have still not heard anything. Even if my request is denied, I would appreciate the courtesy of a reply. Should I send another email?

A: In reality, your manager's silence on the subject probably answers the question, at least for now. Nevertheless, you do deserve a response, so the key is to get one without annoying your boss. A third email might brand you as a nag, so try a more subtle approach.

The next time you have a face-to-face meeting with her, casually pose your question at the end of the conversation. For example: "By the way, I assume my request for a raise didn't come at a convenient time. Could we discuss it again in a few months?"

If your increase is in the approval pipeline, your boss can explain how that process works. But if it was rejected, hopefully she will agree to revisit the topic at a later date.

US job market recovers losses yet appears weaker

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy has finally regained the jobs lost to the Great Recession. But go easy on the hallelujahs. The comeback is far from complete.

Friday's report from the government revealed an economy healing yet marked by deep and lasting scars. The downturn that began 6 1/2 years ago accelerated wrenching changes that have left many Americans feeling worse off than they did the last time the economy had roughly the same number of jobs it does now.

Employers added 217,000 workers in May, more than enough to surpass the 138.4 million jobs that existed when the recession began in December 2007. But even as the un-

employment rate has slipped to 6.3 percent from 10 percent at the depth of the recession, the economy still lacks its former firepower.

To many economists, the job figures are both proof of the sustained recovery and evidence of a painful transformation in how Americans earn a living.

"The labor market recovery has been disappointing," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services. "Even with the new peak, there is still a great deal of slack."

There are still 1.49 million construction jobs missing. Factories have 1.65 million fewer workers. Many of these jobs have been permanently replaced by new technologies: robots,

software and advanced equipment that speeds productivity and requires less manpower, said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research for the advisory and consulting firm CohnReznick.

"When heavy things need to be moved, we now have machines to do it," O'Keefe said. "It is unlikely in the manufacturing sector that we recover much of the losses."

Government payrolls have shrunk, taking middle class pay with them. Local school districts have 255,400 fewer employees. The U.S. Postal Service has shed 194,700 employees.

And during the economic recovery, more people have left the job market than entered it.

Just 58.9 percent of working-age Americans have jobs, down from 62.7 percent at the start of the recession.

Some of that decline comes from an aging country in which more people are retiring. But the share of working adults among the overall population is "still bouncing around at the bottom where it was during the worst of the recession"—evidence that meaningful wage gains across the economy are unlikely, O'Keefe said.

The recovery hasn't kept up with the expanding U.S. population. Researchers at the liberal Economic Policy Institute estimate that 7 million more jobs would have been needed to keep up with population growth.

Sponsor Adidas concerned at FIFA corruption claims

SAO PAULO (AP)—In a rare comment on FIFA issues by World Cup sponsors, Adidas said it was concerned about renewed allegations of corruption and Visa called for football's governing body to show strong ethics.

"The negative tenor of the public debate around FIFA at the moment is neither good for football nor for FIFA and its partners," Adidas said in a statement.

The German company spoke out following renewed claims of financial wrongdoing linked to former FIFA board member

Mohamed bin Hammam and Qatar's successful 2022 World Cup hosting bid.

The Sunday Times has published claims in a second week of reports drawn from Bin Hammam's emails and documents, which previously alleged he paid millions of dollars to buy support from African football officials.

The newspaper said the former Asian football leader arranged government-level talks for Thailand's FIFA executive Worawi Makudi—his longtime ally on FIFA's executive committee, and a World Cup vot-

er—to discuss a natural gas sale which was "potentially worth tens of millions of dollars to Thailand."

Adidas said it is "confident that the matter is being dealt with as a priority" by FIFA's ethics committee.

The World Cup ball provider issued a similarly worded statement in June 2011 when FIFA President Sepp Blatter was re-elected unopposed after his Qatari opponent Bin Hammam was implicated in bribing voters.

FIFA ethics prosecutor Michael Garcia has said he will close the information-gathering

phase of his investigation on Monday. He should update FIFA's 209 member countries on his work on Wednesday at their annual congress in Sao Paulo.

Sponsors rarely comment on FIFA issues, and Adidas is the longest-standing World Cup partner.

FIFA marketing director Thierry Weil said there was constant contact with commercial partners.

"Our sponsors have not requested anything that is not covered by the on-going investigation by the ethics committee," Weil said in a statement.

Nation

2 officers, 3 others dead in Las Vegas shooting

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A man and a woman ambushed two police officers eating lunch at a Las Vegas restaurant, fatally shooting them at point-blank range before fleeing to a nearby Wal-Mart where they killed a third person and then themselves in an apparent suicide pact, authorities said Sunday.

The shooters walked into Cici's Pizza and gunned down Officers Alyn Beck, 41, and Igor Soldo, 31, Las Vegas police officials said. One of the officers was able to fire back before he died, but it's unclear if he hit the suspects, Sheriff Doug Gillespie of the Las Vegas Metro Police Department said at a news conference Sunday afternoon.

One of the shooters yelled, "This is a revolution," but a motive remains under investigation, Las Vegas police spokesman Larry Hadfield told The Associated Press. He added that "we don't know anything about the suspects yet."

After shooting the officers, the suspects fled to the Wal-Mart across the street, where they killed a person inside the front door and exchanged gunfire with police before killing themselves, police said.

The female suspect shot the male suspect before killing herself, Gillespie said. The victim's identity hasn't been confirmed,



Las Vegas police officers prepare to go near the scene of a shooting in Las Vegas, Sunday, June 8, 2014.

and the suspects' names haven't been released.

"It's a tragic day," Gillespie said. "But we still have a community to police, and we still have a community to protect. We will be out there doing it with our heads held high, but with an emptiness in our hearts."

Both officers were pronounced dead at University Medical Center. Beck had been with the department since 2001 and leaves behind a wife and three children. Soldo had been with the force since 2006 and

is survived by a wife and baby, police said.

Pauline Pacheco was shopping at Wal-Mart when she saw the armed man and grabbed her father to escape, KLAS-TV reported (<http://bit.ly/1pagYdj>).

"We saw when the man was walking, he was shouting, yelling bad words, and suddenly he had a gun," she told the station. "It was terrible, it was terrible. That man was crazy."

Assistant Sheriff Kevin McMahon said the male suspect yelled "everyone get out" be-

fore shooting at Wal-Mart. The suspects then walked to the back of the store.

Gov. Brian Sandoval said in a statement he was devastated by the murders of the two officers and an innocent bystander in an "act of senseless violence."

In a statement, Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman called the killings a "cruel act"

Twisters land as severe storms slam Colorado

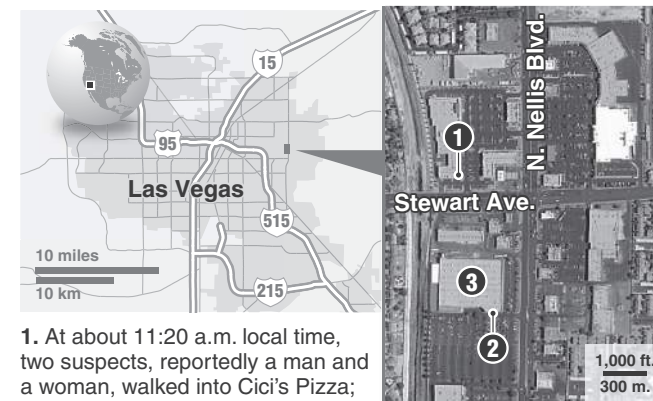
AURORA, Colo. (AP)—A line of severe storms packing high winds and hail swept across Colorado's Front Range and eastern plains Sunday, spawning several damaging tornadoes, including one that dropped down near a junior golf tournament southeast of Denver, weather officials said.

Seven tornadoes occurred, five in northeast Colorado and two in Park County in the center of the state, and three produced damage, the National Weather Service said on its website.

The band of storms would make its way into central Nebraska and western Kansas between 9 p.m. and midnight Sunday, Weather Service meteorologist Frank Cooper said. The storms will stick around the area Monday morning before moving

Shootings in northeast Las Vegas

Two suspects killed two police officers and a third victim during a short rampage on Sunday, before killing themselves.



1. At about 11:20 a.m. local time, two suspects, reportedly a man and a woman, walked into Cici's Pizza; one officer was shot in the back of the head, the other was then shot several times as he tried to draw his weapon; one died at the scene, the other died in surgery later; the shooters took the officers' guns and ammunition
2. They then entered the Wal-Mart to the south; a third victim was shot and killed near the entrance
3. The suspects then killed themselves as police moved in

Source: ESRI, DeLorme, IPC, NAVTEQ, NRCAN, Las Vegas Journal-Review © 2014 MCT

and praised the officers for dedicating "their lives to protecting all of us in our community."

Wal-Mart employees and shoppers were taken to a nearby clothing store to be interviewed by police. The restaurant and Wal-Mart remained closed as detectives processed evidence. McMahon said the investigation is "very com-

plex" because it involves more than 1,000 witnesses.

Wal-Mart expressed its condolences in a statement and that the company is working with police on the investigation. Cici's Pizza said in a statement the company was deeply saddened by the shooting and would keep the location closed until further notice.

Teen finishes 40-mile walk while carrying brother

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—A Michigan teenager who wanted to raise awareness about cerebral palsy by walking 40 miles with his younger brother strapped to his back battled heat, rain, fatigue and more to finish the trek Sunday.

Hunter Gandee, 14, had been planning for weeks to pull off the walk, hoping to put a face on the muscular disorder that prevents his 7-year-old sibling, Braden, from being able to walk without help. But all his organizing couldn't prepare him for the conditions he faced as he packed the 50-pound boy over two days.

He even thought about giving up along the way.

"Honestly, yes, there was a point that we did consider stopping," Hunter said. "Braden's legs—the chafing was getting pretty bad. We did have to consider stopping. It was at about the 30-mile point."

A phone call changed all that.

Hunter reached out to a friend, who said a prayer for the brothers. That, combined with some rest and a change in how Braden was positioned on his brother's back, helped the

boys make it the final 10 miles.

It may have taken a bit longer than they anticipated, but the Gandeas and more than a dozen of their family members and friends strolled up a winding road Sunday toward the University of Michigan's wrestling center.

At the top of the hill, Hunter lifted up Braden so he could touch a "Go Blue" banner erected for them near the walk's endpoint. The move was met with thunderous applause and cheers from those who had gathered to see the boys finish the trek.

Asked how he felt, Braden replied simply: "Tired."

Hunter said he was "more tired than I think I've ever been. My legs are pretty sore. But we pushed through it. And we're here."

More than 30 hours earlier, Hunter, with Braden securely strapped to his back, left the parking lot of Bedford Junior High in Temperance near the Ohio border. Just before their Saturday morning departure, well-wishers packed the gym for a send-off and the school band performed.

The boys' parents and two other siblings accompanied

them on the walk. A caravan of cars and other walkers also joined in.

The goal of the walk, called the Cerebral Palsy Swagger, was to raise awareness about cerebral palsy and hopefully inspire new ideas for mobility aides and medical procedures.

Braden typically uses a walker, braces or a power chair to get around.

Hunter, a 155-pound wrestler, said he trained for the trek by lifting weights and staying active. And by checking the weather forecast.

Saturday was warm and sunny, but Sunday was cool and rainy. The boys were prepared, though, and packed a variety of outerwear.

By the time Sunday afternoon arrived, the rain had subsided and they completed their triumphant march into Ann Arbor under sunny skies.

For Hunter, the walk was about doing something for his brother.

"I can't even describe to you how special (Braden) is to me. I can't put it into words," the teen said. "He's awesome. He's always there for me. I really just wanted to give back to him in some way."

Donations swell for Seattle campus shooting hero

SEATTLE (AP)—More than \$60,000 has been donated online for the victims and hero of the shooting that left one dead and two injured at a small Seattle university.

As of Sunday afternoon, a fundraising page for Jon Meis, a student who pepper-sprayed and tackled the gunman Thursday at Seattle Pacific University, had grossed more than \$44,000.

A fundraising page to cover the costs of Paul Lee's funeral and Sarah Williams' medical care is nearing \$13,000. Another page started by Williams' family had raised nearly \$5,000. More do-

nations are expected.

A lone gunman armed with a shotgun opened fire in a university building, killing Lee, 19, and wounding Williams, 19, who remains hospitalized. She was upgraded to stable condition Sunday evening at Harborview Medical Center, a hospital spokeswoman said. The other injured student has been released from the hospital.

The suspect, Aaron Ybarra, 26, is being held without bail. Police said in court documents that Ybarra, who has no known connection to the university, was planning to kill as many

people as he could before committing suicide. The quick action by Meis likely saved lives, police said.

The outpouring of financial gifts and support followed days of mourning at the Christian university. By Sunday, college life was attempting to return to normal.

School officials said finals would continue next week, although they said professors can use other alternatives, such as year-end essays or take-home tests. The library was back open and a church service was scheduled for Sunday evening.

Asia

Vietnam, PH turn to sports in Spratlys

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Vietnamese and Philippine naval personnel played football, volleyball and tug of war Sunday in a rare display of camaraderie in the South China Sea, where their territorial rifts with China have flared alarmingly.

The daylong sports festival was held on Vietnamese-occupied Southwest Cay Island and also included cultural presentations, the two countries' navies said in a joint statement. Philippine officials said about 40 Filipino navy personnel sailed by boat to the island, bringing local delicacies such as rice cakes.

China, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam have overlapping claims in the Spratlys, a group of mostly barren islands, reefs and atolls that are believed to be sitting atop oil and natural gas deposits and straddle some of the world's most traversed sea lanes.

Although they're technically rivals, Vietnam and the Philippines recently have discussed ways to cooperate to ease tensions in the disputed waters, where both have been engaged in dangerous standoffs with



This March 13, 2012 file photo taken by a surveillance plane and released by the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, shows the Johnson Reef, locally called Mabini Reef, called Mabini by the Philippines and Chigua by China, at the Spratly Islands at South China Sea. AP

China. Southwest Cay Island, which the Philippines also claims and calls Pugad, used to be occupied by Filipino troops but was seized by Vietnamese forces in the 1970s.

During the games, each team included Vietnamese and Filipinos to underscore the friendly nature of the event, Philippine navy spokesman Gerald Fabic said. "We're trying to set an example," he said. "We want to show that there can be

other approaches to the disputes that can in fact ease the tensions."

The rare event aimed "to foster camaraderie and friendly relations between the two nations," the two navies said, adding that it was "proof that disputes do not hinder development of practical and tangible cooperation."

"This also serves as a model of cooperation for the other navies to emulate," they said.

Attack on Pakistan airport leaves at least 23 dead

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Ten gunmen disguised as police guards attacked a terminal at Pakistan's busiest airport with machine guns and a rocket launcher during a five-hour siege that killed 13 people as explosions echoed into the night, while security forces retaliated and killed all the attackers, officials said Monday.

The airport attack came as a separate suicide bombing in the country's southwest killed 23 Shiite pilgrims returning from Iran, authorities said.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack on the Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, named after the founder of Pakistan, nor the suicide bombing in Baluch-

istan province. However, the attacks come as government-led peace talks with the local Taliban faction and other militants have floundered in recent weeks.

The airport attack began late Sunday and ended before dawn Monday in Karachi, a sprawling port city on Pakistan's southern coast, although officials said all the passengers had been evacuated. During the course of the attack, heavy gunfire and multiple explosions could be heard coming from the terminal, used for VIP flights and cargo, as militants and security forces battled for control. A major fire rose from the airport, illuminating the night sky in an orange glow as the silhouettes

of jets could be seen.

The deadly operation was carried out by 10 militants, said the chief minister of Sindh province, Qaim Ali Shah.

"They were well trained. Their plan was very well thought out," he told reporters. He said they intended to destroy some of the aircraft and buildings but were not able to.

Rizwan Akhtar, the director general of paramilitary Rangers told reporters that the airport would be handed over to civilian authorities to resume normal operations later Monday. He said the attackers apparently were Uzbeks but authorities were still trying to determine their identities and nationalities.

charged with breaching the junta's regulation against stirring up unrest are liable to be tried before a court-martial.

24 students feared drowned in India

NEW DELHI (AP)—Police say 24 students are feared drowned after they were swept away by the surging waters of a river near a mountainous tourist resort in northern India. Police officer Dina Nath said a sudden discharge of water into the Beas river on Sunday from a dam upstream caught the students by surprise while they were clicking pictures on its bank near Manali, 330 miles (530 kilometers) north of New Delhi. The 18 male and six female engineering students had come to the tourist town in Himachal Pradesh state from the southern Indian city of Hyderabad. Nath said a massive rescue operation by security forces was hampered by nightfall and would be resumed on Monday morning.

World

Bergdahl says he was tortured by Taliban captors

PARIS (AP)—U.S. Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl has told people treating him at an American military medical facility in Germany that he was tortured, beaten and held in a cage by his Taliban captors in Afghanistan after he tried to escape, a senior U.S. official said Sunday.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss what Bergdahl has revealed about the conditions of his captivity. The New York Times first reported on the matter.

The official said it was difficult to verify the accounts Bergdahl has given since his release a week ago.

Bergdahl, now 28, was captured in June 2009 after he disappeared from his infantry unit. He was held for nearly five years by Taliban militants.

Taliban spokesmen could not be immediately reached for comment Sunday. On Friday, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told



Bergdahl

The Associated Press by telephone that Bergdahl was held under "good conditions." The claim could not be independently verified.

Military doctors at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center say that while Bergdahl is physically able to travel he's not yet emotionally prepared to be reunited with his family. He has not yet spoken to his family.

It's unclear when he may get to go home. The Pentagon said in a statement Sunday that it would not comment on Bergdahl's discussions with those caring for him.

Typically, a returned captive would spend from five days to three weeks in the phase of reintegration in which Bergdahl now finds himself, according to a Pentagon psychologist who is an expert in dealing with military members who have been released from captivity said this past week. The psychologist spoke to reporters

Thursday on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the Pentagon.

Once Bergdahl is considered ready to move on to the next phase of his decompression, he is expected to be flown to an Army medical center in San Antonio, where it is believed he will be reunited with his family.

Bergdahl was returned to the U.S. military in exchange for the release of five Taliban militants from the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"It would have been offensive and incomprehensible to consciously leave an American behind, no matter what," Secretary of State John Kerry said.

Qatar, a tiny Gulf state, served as a go-between during the negotiations, and has ongoing role in ensuring the five released prisoners remain there for at least a year, under a memo of understanding with the U.S.

The Qataris aren't "the only ones keeping an on eye on them," Kerry said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

Pope dives into Mideast peace with prayer summit

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis plunged head-first into Mideast peacemaking Sunday, welcoming the Israeli and Palestinian presidents to the Vatican for a remarkable evening of peace prayers just weeks after the last round of U.S.-sponsored negotiations collapsed.

Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas joked and embraced in the foyer of the Vatican hotel where Francis lives and later in the Vatican gardens, where they joined Francis in presiding over a sunset invocation of Jewish, Christian and Muslim prayers.

Francis told the two men, who signed the Oslo peace ac-

cords in 1993, that he hoped the summit would mark "a new journey" toward peace. He said too many children had been killed by war and violence, and that their memory should instill the strength and patience to work for dialogue and coexistence.

"Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare," he said. "It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict."

The event had the air of an outdoor summer wedding, complete with receiving line and guests mingling on the lawn as a string ensemble played. Only the two key protagonists are technically on opposite sides of the intractable Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Vatican officials have insisted that Francis had no political agenda in inviting the two leaders to pray at his home other than to rekindle a desire for peace. But the meeting could have greater symbolic significance, given that Francis was able to bring them together at all so soon after peace talks failed and at a time that the Israeli government is trying to isolate Abbas.

"In the Middle East, symbolic gestures and incremental steps are important," noted the Rev. Thomas Reese, a veteran Vatican analyst for the National Catholic Reporter. "And who knows what conversations can occur behind closed doors in the Vatican."

Aerial reenactment caps D-Day celebrations

LA FIERE, France (AP)—Nearly 1,000 paratroopers dropped out of the sky in Normandy on Sunday—but this time they did so in peace, instead of to wrest western France from the Nazis as they did during World War II.

Drawing huge crowds who braved hot weather and lined the historic landing area at La Fiere, the aerial spectacle reenacted the drama of the Normandy landings and served to cap commemorations marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

Among the planes ferrying paratroopers for the event was a restored C-47 US military transport plane that dropped Allied troops on the village of Sainte-Mere-Eglise—a

stone's throw from La Fiere—on June 6, 1944. And the pilots who originally flew it took the controls again last week, 70 years later, remembering their experiences.

Sunday saw dozens of veterans escorted down a sandy path to a special section to watch the show alongside thousands of spectators—most of whom lined two sides of the field. Others took shelter in the shade as the lack of wind caused the sun to beat down hard.

Planes including the C-47 aircraft flew by loudly overhead several times, with two dozen military paratroopers—from countries including the U.S., Britain, France and Germany—

jumping with each passage.

They were scenes reminiscent of the pivotal event, when around 15,000 Allied paratroopers were dropped in and around the village of Sainte-Mere-Eglise on D-Day. It became the first to be liberated by the Allies and remains one of the enduring symbols of the Normandy invasion.

Veteran Julian "Bud" Rice, a C-47 pilot who participated in the airdrops of Normandy on D-Day, watched the show.

"It's good to see 800 paratroopers jump here today, but the night that we came in, we had 800 airplanes with 10,000 paratroopers that we dropped that night, so it was a little more," he said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Thai anti-coup protesters say it with sandwiches

BANGKOK (AP)—Activists protesting last month's military coup in Thailand face a possible two-year jail term if they get too strident, so on Sunday they found a new way to show their sentiments: handing out "sandwiches for democracy." A small group of student activists from Bangkok's Thammasat University had hoped to hold a picnic rally, but they found the park next to their campus sealed off by the authorities. So instead they paraded down a nearby street, handing out sandwiches and cakes to anyone who wanted them. One older man accompanying them shouted to onlookers, "Sandwiches for democracy!" Other anti-coup activists have held silent public readings of symbolic works such as "Nineteen Eighty-Four," George Orwell's indictment of totalitarianism. But the intimidation level is high, with the authorities rolling out thousands of troops and police whenever they anticipate a protest. Those

Overdrive

BMW 435i a high-priced delight

By LARRY PRINTZ
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

Deciphering BMWs used to be an easy proposition: There was the compact 3-Series and midsize 5-Series sedans, the 6-Series coupe and full-size 7-Series sedan. SUVs get an X before their name.

But a recent avalanche of new products has forced BMW to change its naming conventions. And so, henceforth, all coupes and sedans with coupe-like styling will have names that start with even numbers, while all sedans and station wagons will have odd numbers.

This explains why BMW's all-new replacement for the 3 Series Coupe is known as the

435i Coupe.

No matter what its name, the 435i's tastefully sporty appearance remains true to its predecessors. It looks fast but distinguished. There are doses of aggressive styling on the car, such as the air intakes under the front bumper, but they never overwhelm the design.

The interior feels roomier than the 3-Series Coupe, and backseat legroom seems improved. As you'd expect, the seats are firm and supportive. The driving position is perfect.

Quality inside is impeccable. The 435i uses the same instrument panel as the 3-Series. If I were to fault the 435i, it would be because, despite the leather in-

terior, there are no seat warmers. Also, there are motorized arms that present the seat belts to front seat passengers every time the car starts. It's a bit tacky and seems sure to break.

But such quibbles fade away once you fire up the turbocharged, 3.0-liter, six-cylinder engine. It's rated at 300 horsepower and 300 pound-feet of torque. BMW says that's enough power to reach 60 mph in 5.3 seconds with the six-speed manual transmission, and only 5 seconds with the eight-speed automatic.

Base 428i Coupes get a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine rated at 240 horsepower and 255 pound-feet of torque. As a result, this coupe is slightly slower,



The 2014 BMW 435i is the brand's all-new replacement for the 3 Series Coupe.

MCT

reaching 60 mph in 5.7 seconds with both the six-speed manual or eight-speed automatic. Top speed is limited to 155 mph.

Both rear-wheel- and all-wheel-drive models are offered.

In an effort to be fuel-efficient, the 435i has an automatic start-stop function, which shuts down the engine when you come to a stop. The engine instantly restarts when you lift your foot from the brake. It may save fuel, but it's very annoying in stop-and-go driving. Thankfully, there's a button to shut off the feature, but you must remember to shut it off every time you start the car.

NUTS & BOLTS

2014 BMW 435i:

- Engine: Turbocharged 3.0-liter six-cylinder
- Horsepower/torque: 300/295
- Wheelbase: 110.6 inches
- Length: 182.6 inches
- Weight: 3,610 pounds
- Cargo space: 15.7 cubic feet
- EPA rating (city/highway): 22/32 mpg
- Fuel consumption: 24 mpg
- Fuel type: Premium
- NHTSA safety rating: Not rated
- Base price, base model: \$40,500
- Base price, test model: \$46,000
- Price as tested, including destination charge: \$60,625

Chevrolet set to unleash 650-horsepower Corvette Z06 supercar

By JERRY HIRSCH
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Get ready for the monster 'Vette.

Chevrolet plans to unleash a 650-horsepower Corvette Z06 late this year.

The automaker said it will be among the few cars with more than 600 horses that you can buy at a dealership in the United States. It will be the most powerful production car ever from General Motors, Chevy's corporate parent.

GM is already comparing the Z06 to supercars such as the V-12-powered Ferrari F12 Berlinetta and the Porsche 911 Turbo S. It will have a zero-to-60-mph time under 3.5 seconds.

The Z06's LT4 supercharged 6.2-liter, V-8 engine produces 650 horsepower at 6,400 rpm and 650 pound-feet of torque at

3,600 rpm, GM claims. Torque is a measure for the pulling power of an engine.

"The engine also puts the new Corvette Z06 on par with the most powerful supercars offered in America, while delivering performance with impeccable manners that make it suitable for daily driving," said Steve Kiefer, vice president of GM powertrain engineering.

GM engineers say that like the standard engine introduced in the 2014 Corvette Stingray—the seventh generation of the sports car—the LT4 is compact and light, giving it among the highest power densities for an engine of its size.

GM started with the same engine block used in the Corvette Stingray's LT1 6.2-liter naturally aspirated engine.

To get more power, it installed special aluminum alloy cylinder heads that are stronger and handle heat better than conventional aluminum heads. GM also added lightweight titanium intake valves and forged aluminum pistons that can withstand high cylinder pressures.

The automaker cranked up the compression ratio and installed a supercharger that spins at up to 20,000 rpm (5,000 rpm more than the supercharger on the Corvette ZR1's engine), generating a bigger power-enhancing boost as the engine spools up.

The high-powered 'Vette is set to go on sale at near year-end as a 2015 model. GM hasn't talked about pricing yet, but you can be sure the price will be well above the \$53,000 starting price for the standard 455-horsepower model.

Auto accidents are No. 1 cause of death for US teens

By CHARLES FLEMING
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Auto accidents are the No. 1 killer of American teenagers, a new study finds—killing almost as many drivers as passengers, and killing more kids than homicide or suicide.

The new report, called "Teens in Cars," was paid for by the General Motors Foundation and based on a national survey of 1,000 teens between 13 and 19.

The study said 2,439 teenagers died in auto accidents on U.S. roads in 2012. A little more than half of the teenagers killed, 56 percent, were driving at the time; 44 percent of the victims were passengers. More than half

of those killed, the study said, were not wearing seat belts.

Though the study did not cite texting or telephoning as responsible for traffic accidents, it did say that about 40 percent of teenagers polled said they had been in cars driven by teens who were texting or talking on the phone behind the wheel.

More than half said they had been passengers in cars driving by adults talking on phones.

Only 10 percent of respondents said they had been in cars driven by teenagers under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

According to the GM report, 1,927 teenagers died as a result of homicides in 2012, while

1,863 took their own lives.

Other studies have come to the same conclusion as GM's "Safe Kids" report.

A recent report from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration also put auto accidents as the No. 1 killer of teenagers.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study reported similar teenage auto deaths, noting that fatalities for 2012 had dropped 7 percent from 2011.

That is the trend. The GM-funded study said teenage auto deaths had dropped 56 percent from their peak in 2002, when 5,491 children between the ages of 13 and 19 died.

*First Year Anniversary
of Eternal Life*

We, the family of the late

**†Elphidia Deleon Guerrero
Gamacho Sablan**

lovingly known as "Peding"

*I*n vite our family and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate Peding's first year anniversary of eternal life.

Mass will be offered daily at 6:00am beginning June 11, 2014 and ending on June 19, 2014 at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone.

Tito M. Sablan, Children and Family

Life & Style

Miss Nevada Nia Sanchez crowned as 63rd Miss USA



AP
Miss Nevada USA Nia Sanchez is crowned Miss USA during the Miss USA 2014 pageant in Baton Rouge, La., Sunday, June 8, 2014.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Miss Nevada Nia Sanchez, a fourth-degree black belt in the Korean martial art of taekwondo, was crowned Miss USA 2014 on Sunday night.

The 24-year-old from Las Vegas beat out 50 other contestants from all the states and the District of Columbia for the title of 63rd Miss USA. First runner-up was Miss North Dakota Audra Mari. Erin Brady, of South Glastonbury, Connecticut, the 2013 winner, gave up her crown to Sanchez after a three-hour telecast from the Baton Rouge Civic Center in Louisiana.

Other runner-ups, judged on interviews, evening gowns and swimsuits were: home state beauty queen, Miss Louisiana Brittany Guidry; Miss Georgia Tiana Griggs, Miss Florida Brittany Oldehoff and Miss Iowa Carlyn Bradarich.

Bradarich got a second chance when the viewing audience gave her the most votes on Twitter in the pageant's first-ever "Save the Queen" option.

Sanchez will go on to represent the U.S. at the Miss Universe competition later this year.

In a vibrant red floor-length fishtail gown, Miss Nevada talked about the importance of women being able to defend themselves when asked a question about the high rate of sexual assaults on college campuses. Judge Rumer Willis, the 25-year-old daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, said 19 percent of U.S. undergraduate women are victims of sexual assault and asked Sanchez

why she thinks this is being swept under the rug and what should be done about it.

Sanchez said bringing awareness to the issue was important, as well as women taking it upon themselves to learn how to defend themselves.

The subject of sexual assault was also on the mind of Miss Pennsylvania Valerie Gatto. She made headlines this week when she said she was the product of rape. During a taped segment that aired when her name was called, Gatto said her mother was 19 when she was attacked leaving work in Pittsburgh and became pregnant.

Gatto said she is living proof "that your circumstances do not define your life."

First runner-up Mari said she overcame being bullied in high school by competing in ice hockey. The Fargo, N.D., native wore a green floor-length evening gown and in her final interview talked about the importance of getting an education and going to college.

Contestants entered the stage on a glitzy float as Louisiana native singer-songwriter Marc Broussard sang the New Orleans hits "Iko Iko" and "Hey Pocky Way" to kick off the 2014 contest. The women intro-

duced themselves while holding Mardi Gras masks in their hands as purple, green and gold confetti fell in the background.

The pageant also included musical acts by the country music duo Florida Georgia Line, rapper Nelly and Latin pop band Camila.

Celebrity judges walked a red carpet in evening gowns and tuxedos before the start of the show, posing for pictures and talking about the qualities they would be looking for in the beauty they crown the winner.

"It's very important that she has confidence," said Barbara Palacios, Miss Universe 1986

and a coach and judge for the new Telemundo reality show, "Miss Latina Universo." "The right attitude and perseverance are also very important."

"It's all about the eyes," said Lance Bass of the pop singing boy group NSYNC. "I just want to see a girl that is just really having a good time up there."

Others who walked the red carpet were former NBA star Karl Malone; actors Ian Ziering, Melissa Peterman and Rumer Willis; pageant show host Jeanie Mai; and Donald Trump, who owns the Miss Universe Organization, which includes the Miss USA pageant.

In Celebration of her new life

†Julita Aguon-Sasamoto Camacho

Born to life on April 30, 1925

Called to eternal Life on June 03, 2014

In her new life, she now joins her:

Husband: †Antonio Acosta Camacho
Mother: †Henara dela Cruz-Aguon Sasamoto
Father: †Gregorio Kaijo Sasamoto
Parents In Law: †Mariano Palacios Camacho
†Valeriana Acosta Camacho

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her children and families:

Pedro A. and Romi T. Sasamoto and Children
Augustina S. and †Antonio T. Toves and Children
Diego A. and Alice S. Sasamoto and Children
Dolores S. Camacho
Joseph A. Camacho and Ignacio M. Taitano and Children
Antonio S. Camacho and Christine P. Aguon and Children
Joseph S. Camacho and Children
Vidal S. and Elizabeth C. Camacho and Children
Rebecca S. Camacho
Simon S. Camacho and Children
Lourdes S. Camacho and Donald D. Guerrero and Children

Brothers, Sisters & Spouses:

†Candido A./Sumiko Sasamoto, †Maria A./ †Telesforo A. Ada, †Gregorio A. Sasamoto, †Isabel A./ †Jose M. Crisostomo, †Conchita A. Sasamoto, †Mina A. Sasamoto, †Ignacio A. Sasamoto, Pedro A./Kay Sasamoto, Jose A./ †Carmen C. Sasamoto, †Jesus A./Julia delos Reyes Sasamoto, Felix A./Soledad B. Sasamoto, and Luis A./ †Delgadina M. Sasamoto

In-Laws & Spouses:

†Jose A./Juana M. Camacho, †Vidal A./Justa Q. Camacho, †Santiago A./†Carmen DL. Camacho, †Juan A./Rosa C. Camacho and †Carmen A./Jose A. Sasamoto.

She will be greatly missed by numerous grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated each morning at 6:00am at Kristo Rai Church and Holy Rosary is being recited each evening at Kristo Rai Church at 7:30pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am. Responso service will be at 7:45am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:00am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am and Interment Service will take place at Chalan Kanoa cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest with her husband †Antonio.

Please join us in prayers,

From the Children and families of the late

†Antonio Acosta Camacho and †Julita Aguon-Sasamoto Camacho



Morgan recovering after surgery following crash

TRENTON, N.J. (AP)—Tracy Morgan was recovering Sunday, but was expected to remain hospitalized for several weeks after having surgery on a broken leg suffered in a deadly chain-reaction crash on the New Jersey Turnpike that left two others critically injured and another man dead.

The 45-year-old actor and comedian, a former “Saturday Night Live” and “30 Rock” cast member, remained in critical condition but was “more responsive” Sunday after having surgery for a broken leg, said Morgan’s spokesman, Lewis Kay.

Kay said that Morgan also sustained a broken femur,

broken nose and several broken ribs and is expected to remain hospitalized for “several weeks.” He said that Morgan’s family is “tremendously overwhelmed and appreciative of the outpouring of love and support from his fans.”

A Wal-Mart truck driver from Georgia was charged with death by auto and four counts of assault by auto. Authorities said 35-year-old Kevin Roper, of Jonesboro, apparently failed to slow for traffic ahead early Saturday in Cranbury Township and swerved at the last minute to avoid a crash. Instead, his big rig smashed into the back of Morgan’s chauffeured Mercedes

limo bus, killing comedian James “Jimmy Mack” McNair, authorities said.

Also critically injured were Morgan’s assistant, Jeffrey Millea, 36, of Shelton, Connecticut, and comedian Ardie Fuqua Jr., 43, of Jersey City. They remained in critical condition Sunday evening, said Zenaïda Mendez, a spokeswoman for Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick. Another passenger, comic Harris Stan-



Morgan

ton, was treated and released.

Tyrone Gale, who was driving the limo bus, told ABC News that he was disoriented after the vehicle flipped over and could hear Morgan yelling for help.

“I climbed around and heard Tracy screaming for help,” Gale said. “I climbed up on the body of the limo bus ... but I couldn’t reach them.”

Roper, accompanied by his attorney, turned himself in to state police. He was released on \$50,000 bail Saturday night and has been placed on administrative leave, Wal-Mart spokesman David Tovar said Sunday.

Wal-Mart President Bill Si-

mon said in a statement that the company “will take full responsibility” if authorities determine its truck caused the accident.

The National Transportation Safety Board is working with state police to look at any issues in the crash related to commercial trucking and limousine safety.

Morgan, a New York City native, was returning from a standup performance at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Delaware when the crash occurred. In all, six vehicles were involved in the pileup, but no one

from the other cars was injured.

At a press event Saturday in Los Angeles to promote the upcoming comedy film “Think Like A Man Too,” cast members, many of whom have worked and are friends with Morgan, wished him well.

Kevin Hart said he owes much of his success to Morgan, crediting him for paving the way for comics like himself to become successful.

“We just want him to get better and to get back to everyone that loves him and get back to doing what he does best, making people laugh,” Hart said.

‘Fault’ tops Tom Cruise at box office with \$48.2M



AP
This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Ansel Elgort, left, and Shailene Woodley appear in a scene from “The Fault In Our Stars.”

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—In a box-office battle that pitted young against old, female against male, modest drama against big-budget spectacle, the teenage romance “The Fault in Our Stars” easily bested the time-shifting Tom Cruise action film “Edge of Tomorrow.”

With a \$48.2 million domestic debut, “The Fault in Our Stars” thumped the \$29.1 million opening for “Edge of Tomorrow,” according to studio estimates Sunday. It did so with a far less seasoned star in Shailene Woodley and a \$12 million budget a fraction the size of that for “Edge of Tomorrow,” made for approximately \$175 million.

The results offered a stark illustration of shifting box-office trends. Whereas big-budget, male-oriented action films with stars like Cruise have long ruled the day at North American multiplexes, those movies are increasingly under siege from films ignited by passionate young female moviegoers.

“The notion of what is traditional summer fare is changing,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. “Women and young girls are as vitally important to the box office in the summer as the young males, who Hollywood has courted and coveted for decades.”

“The Fault in Our Stars,” a highly-anticipated adaptation of John Green’s best-selling book, was in some ways another example of the power of young-adult fiction. But unlike “Twilight” or “The Hunger Games,” “The Fault in Our Stars” isn’t about sci-fi or fantasy, but is rather a more naturalistic drama about young love and cancer.

Twentieth Century Fox said that an overwhelming 82 percent of the audience for the film was female, an unusually large gender gap for such a popular movie. The majority of the audience eagerly turned out for Thursday night and Friday showings.

“We knew that we had an engaged fan base but we weren’t sure of the depth of it,” said

Chris Aronson, Fox’s distribution head. “We also knew we had formidable competition in the marketplace for similar if not identical demographics.”

That competition—Disney’s fairy tale “Maleficent,” starring Angelina Jolie—slid to second place in its second week with \$33.5 million. With a two-week global sum of \$335.5 million, “Maleficent” has performed well, but it remains to be seen if it can be a real money-maker for Disney, which spent an estimated \$180 million to make it, plus huge amounts to market it.

Warner Bros.’ sci-fi thriller “Edge of Tomorrow,” directed by Doug Liman and co-starring Emily Blunt, appealed more to males (61 percent of its audience) and moviegoers older than 25 (73 percent of its audience). The film about a U.S. major (Cruise) stuck in a “Groundhog Day”-like time loop during a battle against invading aliens won Cruise some of his best reviews in years, but—like the star’s recent “Oblivion” and “Jack Reacher”—it didn’t turn out

moviegoers as expected.

Sony’s comedy sequel “22 Jump Street,” starring Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill, kicked off abroad a week ahead of its North American release, earning \$8.8 million. Next weekend, it will open alongside DreamWorks’ “How to Train Your Dragon 2.”

1. **“The Fault in Our Stars,”** \$48.2 million (\$17.1 million international).
2. **“Maleficent,”** \$33.5 million (\$59.7 million international).
3. **“Edge of Tomorrow,”** \$29.1 million (\$82 million international).
4. **“X-Men: Days of Future Past,”** \$14.7 million (\$42.1 million international).
5. **“A Million Ways to Die in the West,”** \$7.2 million (\$6.4 million international).
6. **“Godzilla,”** \$6 million (\$5.4 million international).
7. **“Neighbors,”** \$5.2 million (\$3.6 million international).
8. **“Blended,”** \$4.1 million.
9. **“Chef,”** \$2.6 million.
10. **“The Amazing Spider-Man 2,”** \$1.9 million (\$2.3 million international).

By MARK KENNEDY
AP DRAMA WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—The murderous romp “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” has gotten a lot of love at the Tony Awards—it nabbed the best new musical trophy on a night that saw Audra McDonald, Bryan Cranston and Neil Patrick Harris all took home big awards.

The musical “A Gentleman’s Guide,” in which a poor man comically eliminates the eight heirs ahead of him for a title, opened rather quietly and has had a steady increase in interest, peaking with its huge win over Disney’s “Aladdin” and the built-in love of Carole King songs from “Beautiful—The Carole King Musical.”

“The little engine that could, did,” said an ecstatic lead producer Joey Parnes. The show nabbed a total of four wins, including best book of a musical.

McDonald became the Tony’s most decorated actress, while Cranston won a best actor trophy for his Broadway debut. Harris took home best actor in a musical after years of handing out the awards to others.

McDonald won her sixth Tony for portraying Billie Holiday in “Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar & Grill,” putting her ahead of five-time winners Angela Lansbury and the late Julie Harris for the most competitive wins by an actress. Among those she thanked were her parents for not medicating their hyperactive child.

The latest win—for best lead actress in a play—also makes McDonald the first grand-slam performance winner. She previously won as best featured actress in a play (“A Raisin in the Sun” and “Master Class”), best lead actress in a musical (“The Gershwins’ Porgy and Bess”) and best featured actress in a musical (“Ragtime” and “Carousel”).

Cranston—in a role far from TV’s chemistry teacher-turned-meth kingpin Walter White in “Breaking Bad”—won the best lead actor in a

play Tony for playing former President Lyndon B. Johnson in Robert Schenkkan’s “All the Way,” which also was crowned best play.

Jessie Mueller beat some strong Broadway veterans in Sutton Foster, Idina Menzel and Kelli O’Hara to take home the best actress in a musical Tony for playing the title character in “Beautiful: The Carole King Musical.” She thanked the iconic singer-songwriter and all her competitors.

Hugh Jackman kicked off the show with a bounce, hopping up and down like a kangaroo during his opening number Sunday. Big, high-kicking musical numbers from “After Midnight,” “Aladdin,” “Rocky” and “Hedwig and the Angry Inch” kept the energy level up.

The bearded Australian, back as host after a nine-year absence, greeted many of the night’s featured performers as he cheerfully bounded past them backstage. He then joined the cast of the musical “After Midnight” for a rousing rendition of “It Don’t Mean a Thing (If it Ain’t Got that Swing).” He later rapped with LL Cool J and T.I. to a reworked song from “The Music Man” and danced with all the leading ladies nominated for a musical.

The first award of the night was for best featured actor in a play and it went to Mark Rylance, who won his third Tony for playing the countess Olivia in “Twelfth Night.” Rylance, who previously won for “Jerusalem” and “Boeing-Boeing,” is also nominated for best lead actor honors for his evil title character in “Richard III.”

The best featured actress in a musical Tony went to Lena Hall in “Hedwig and the Angry Inch,” playing a woman who dresses as a man and plays Harris’ boyfriend. Hall wished her dad a happy birthday and gave a shout-out to her soon-to-be-born niece. “Friendship is magic,” she said. The show later won for best musical revival.

JLo won't perform in World Cup opener in Brazil

Park where end of 'Big' was filmed is in trouble

RYE, N.Y. (AP)—Playland, a collection of modest coasters, rides and attractions that evokes a simpler time and even holds a place in Hollywood history, is in trouble.

The 86-year-old Art Deco landmark north of New York City is the nation's largest government-run amusement park, and it's been a money loser for suburban Westchester County for years. It lost \$4.3 million in 2013, attendance dropped from 1 million in 2005 to 390,000 last year, and a grand plan to revamp the park is more than a year behind schedule, caught up in politics and opposition from neighbors.

While no one is predicting that Playland will have to close anytime soon, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino—now the GOP nominee for governor—has often said the status quo can't continue. And officials note that only about 30 percent of Playland's patrons are county residents.

"Amusement parks aren't an essential service of government," said Astorino spokesman Ned McCormack. "If we can't get it to a point where it's financially viable, a day could come where it just can no longer go forward."

The county doesn't have the space, the money or the inclination to make the 280-acre Playland into a Six Flags-type thrill-seeker's dream. Its size, old-fashioned feel and lower prices make it more of a family outing, with a boardwalk, beach and picnic tables on Long Island Sound.

The park's style is evident at the end of the 1988 blockbuster comedy "Big," in the scene when Tom Hanks' character makes his wish to return to his life as a child.

One of the most beloved sections is Kiddlyland, where the Red Baron airplanes and Crazy Submarine are especially tame. A long mall down the center is given over to shade trees and flowers rather than rides.

At Playland last week, patrons agreed it's a low-key excursion. But several said the slower pace was part of the charm.

"I do agree it's a little bit outdated," said Jeannette Charles, principal of St. Bartholomew's School in New York's Queens borough, which brought 170 people, mostly 8- to 13-year-olds, to the park for an end-of-the-year outing. "But for my kids, this is perfect. They're having a great time and nobody's complaining."

But Gershwin Vini, 15, of Massapequa on Long Island, said he'd like to see "a few more rides, maybe one big drop ride. For a high schooler, it's not that much fun."

Astorino, who has said he hopes to be "the man who saved Playland," asked in 2010 for proposals to reimagine the park. He announced in 2012 that he had chosen the nonprofit Sustainable Playland Inc. to turn the park into a year-round attraction as opposed to just a summer-time draw.

The plan called for cutting back the area devoted to rides, while preserving such favorites as the wooden Dragon roller coaster and the old Derby Racer carousel. SPI would also add water park features to the beach and pool, create a Great Lawn overlooking the sound, and build a field house and athletic fields. The popular boardwalk—where the "Big" scene was filmed—would remain.

The sports facilities—heavily in demand in Westchester—were considered a key element

for income and for expanding the park's appeal throughout the year.

Astorino said in 2012 that Westchester would get \$4 million up front and would eventually receive at least \$1.2 million a year. But Geoff Thompson, a spokesman for SPI, said the \$4 million figure is no longer being talked about, partly because of the funds eaten up by various delays.

Astorino had hoped that the new operator would take over in 2013, and he asserted that he didn't need the approval of the full county Legislature. That resulted in two lawsuits. The Legislature also decided to hold hearings, questioning SPI and the unsuccessful bidders.

Meanwhile, some residents of Rye, where Playland is located, began objecting to the proposed field house, which is near a residential area. In response, it was reduced from 95,000 to 82,500 square feet. Then the city government, threatening a lawsuit, claimed that the city, not the county, should be the lead agency in determining the revamped park's environmental impact.

The state is expected to rule shortly on who gets to lead the review.

Meanwhile, Catherine Parker, the state legislator from Rye, withdrew her longstanding support of the Sustainable Playland plan.

"I'm not saying it's the wrong plan," she said. "But it's doomed because it's going to be tied up for years with this looming litigation."

She said the county should start over with "reasonable proposals that don't involve a field house."

"Closing Playland doesn't have to be a possibility," she said.

SAO PAULO (AP)—Jennifer Lopez won't perform the World Cup's official song alongside fellow artists Pitbull and Claudia

Leitte during the tournament's opening ceremony in Brazil, FIFA officials said Sunday.

Soccer's governing body said

Lopez cannot perform at Thursday's event as earlier planned because of unspecified "production issues."

The singer's representatives didn't explain the reason why Lopez wouldn't be joining the act. They only confirmed the announcement in an emailed response, saying "regretfully Jennifer Lopez will not be attending this year's World Cup opening ceremonies."

FIFA said in a news release that Cuban-American rapper Pitbull and Brazilian singer Claudia Leitte will sing the official tune "We Are One" before Brazil takes on Croatia at Thursday's opening game in Sao Paulo.

The song has let down many Brazilians who complain that it sounds too generic for the nation's Bossa Nova-crazed audiences and that it features foreign musicians singing mostly in English and Spanish. Leitte sings only a few seconds at the end of the song in her native Portuguese.



This June 4, 2014 photo released by Starpix shows singer Jennifer Lopez performing at Orchard Beach in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx borough of New York.

Police: Burglar arrested at Sandra Bullock's home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Police say they arrested a burglar at the Los Angeles home of Sandra Bullock while the actress was there, but she wasn't harmed.

Los Angeles police spokeswoman Nuria Vanegas says officers responded to the call of a prowler around 6:30 a.m. Sunday and arrested 39-year-old Joshua Corbett on suspicion of residential burglary.

A phone message left for Bullock's publicist Cheryl Maisel (mye-ZELL) wasn't immediately returned. But she acknowledged the burglary for People magazine and said Bullock is "unharmed and fine."

It wasn't clear whether Corbett has hired an attorney, and a phone message left at a possible family home wasn't immedi-



In this Oct. 21, 2013 file photo, Sandra Bullock arrives at the 17th Annual Hollywood Film Awards Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

ately returned.

The 49-year-old actress is best known for her roles in

"Speed," "Gravity," and "The Blind Side," for which she won an Academy Award.

People with hearing loss can find support online

DEAR ABBY: As the executive director of the Hearing Loss Association of America, may I suggest that "Mortified at the Dinner Table" (March 2), who wrote about her in-laws' poor hearing even with hearing aids, connect with one of our 200-plus local HLAA chapters at www.hearingloss.org? These member-led groups offer emotional support, camaraderie, communication strategies and techniques for living with hearing loss, both for people who have hearing loss as well as their families and friends. Most chapters also share information about assistive listening devices that link via a telecoil found in most modern hearing aids that could greatly enhance her in-laws' hearing around the dinner table.

"Mortified" might also want to accompany her in-laws to a hearing aid evaluation visit at an audiologist's office to learn more about their particular hearing difficulties. There is more to correcting hearing loss than buying hearing aids. Some users benefit from assistive listening devices or from listening training that can be done at home with a personal computer.

By joining HLAA, "Mortified" can receive Hearing Loss Magazine and get the latest information about hearing loss and how to live well with it.

ANNA GILMORE HALL

DEAR MS. HALL: Thank you for your letter and the in-

formation you generously provided. Any reader with hearing loss should check out the HLAA website for a more detailed description of the services it provides. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Many people who wear hearing aids find noisy environments problematic. As people age, their ability to understand can be difficult even with hearing aids. As a practicing audiologist, I recommend the following to my patients to help make communication easier.

- (1) Test hearing annually so hearing aids can be reprogrammed to current hearing levels if necessary.
- (2) Follow up with the audiologist for regular hearing aid maintenance and care.
- (3) In restaurants, ask to be seated away from high noise level areas; preferential seating may help.
- (4) Reserve confidential discussions for another time and location, which would make them easier for people with hearing loss to understand.

AUDIOLOGIST IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ABBY: My 91-year-old mother is hard of hearing. I take her out to dinner once a week.

I don't worry about what people around us are thinking. It doesn't matter what she wants to talk about. I'm just glad she's

DEAR ABBY

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able to get out and converse with others. The conversations at tables near us are sometimes so obnoxious that I'm GLAD my mother can't hear them.

People are normally very courteous about helping me with her, and many have told me they wished their parents were still alive and able to have dinner with them.

JUDY IN ARIZONA

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Mortified" was certainly not taking into account the other diners' feelings that this writer was so admirably describing! Everyone around that table paid for—and deserves—to have a pleasant dining experience too. This includes not being subjected to others' cellphone conversations, unruly children or excessively loud conversations regardless of their content.

MARIANNE IN WASHINGTON

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



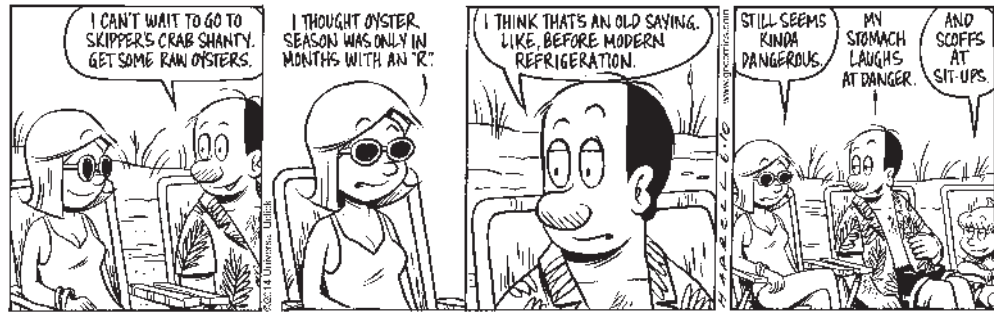
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Yesterday's answer 6-10

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kate Upton, 22; Leelee Sobieski, 31; Shane West, 36; DJ Qualls, 36.

Happy Birthday: Don't play games. Know what you want and make whatever alterations are necessary in order to reach your destination. You can offer assistance, but make sure you get something in return. Timing is essential and focusing on your endeavors a must. Don't feel guilty. Be shrewd and meet challenges head-on. Look out for yourself and your interests this year. Your numbers are 2, 16, 19, 22, 28, 35, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't lose sight of what's really important to you. Take on additional responsibilities if it will help keep the peace. Make changes at home that will ease your stress and ensure that you can move forward without interference. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't neglect someone or something that needs to be taken care of at home. What you do to help around the house will bring rewards. Romance is apparent, and doing something special for someone you love will ensure your happiness. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get your responsibilities out of the way quickly. Put your unique style into whatever you do and you will make an impression on someone influential. Find ways to incorporate a healthier diet and exercise into your everyday routine. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Bypass complaints by doing what needs to be done before you are asked. You can ac-

complish a lot and improve your reputation if you are mindful of what others are going through and offer assistance. Share information and creative alternatives. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Idle time will lead to malaise. You have to stay motivated, focused and do your best to take care of responsibilities. A problem with someone older or more conservative than you will set you back. Keep your emotions in check. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let your voice be heard. Find out what those you are dealing with think and are willing to do. Be prepared to make a quick decision based on facts. New connections can be made and romance is on the upswing. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If a friend is in need, be ready to help out. This is not the day to let little things bother you or to indulge in a disagreement. Career opportunities are present. Spruce up your resume and show off your skills. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your efforts into creative endeavors and home improvements. Don't let emotional matters take over, causing depression when you should be focused on developing something you want to pursue. Love is in the stars, and romance will ease your stress. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of pending legal issues or financial matters. Once you finish laboring over paperwork, you will be able to relax and enjoy making positive changes at home. A move

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to cut your costs is a good place to start. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rest and relaxation would be nice, but you may find yourself involved in professional activities that cannot be left unfinished. Don't take physical risks that can lead to temporary setbacks. A partnership will prove to be more important than you initially realized. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your emotions tucked out of sight. You don't want to appear vulnerable to anyone waiting for you to falter. Focus on self-improvement and learning new skills that will raise your profile and your value. Make an investment. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at contracts and negotiate a deal that suits your needs. Speak up and you will be able to negotiate a tricky financial situation. Plan a little celebration with the people you enjoy being around the most. *****

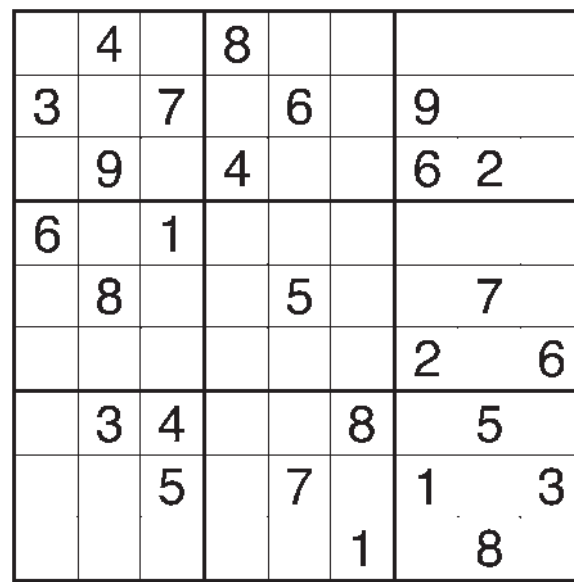
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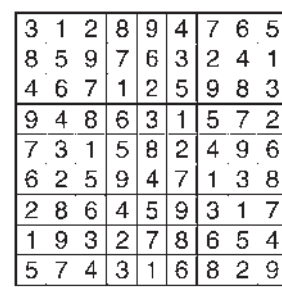
Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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James carries Heat past Spurs to tie NBA Finals



SAN ANTONIO (AP)—No cramps, no problems for LeBron James.

And with their superstar making it to the finish this time, the Miami Heat bounced back from a loss, just as they always do in the playoffs.

"Obviously, having No. 6 in the game at the end was a plus for us," Dwyane Wade said.

James had 35 points and 10 rebounds in a powerful comeback from the cramps that knocked him out of the opener, as the Heat tied the NBA Finals with a 98-96 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game 2 Sunday night.

Chris Bosh made the go-ahead 3-pointer on a pass from James with 1:18 remaining for the Heat, who have won 13 straight following a loss in the post-season. Just like last year, they rebounded after losing Game 1 to the Spurs.

Bosh had 18 points for the Heat, who are headed home for Game 3 Tuesday night.

James played more than 37 minutes, making 14 of 22 shots. He was 1 for 4 with three turnovers in a shaky first quarter, then made 11 of his next 13.

After two days of enduring criticism for not finishing the game and getting suggestions on how to avoid cramps, James changed the subject.

"What happened on Thursday was Thursday," James said. "My whole focus was how I was going to try to help this team even this up and just try to make some plays."

He had a key strip of Tony Parker down the stretch, playing a dominant game on both ends as if he had something to prove.

As usual, James found a way to silence his haters.

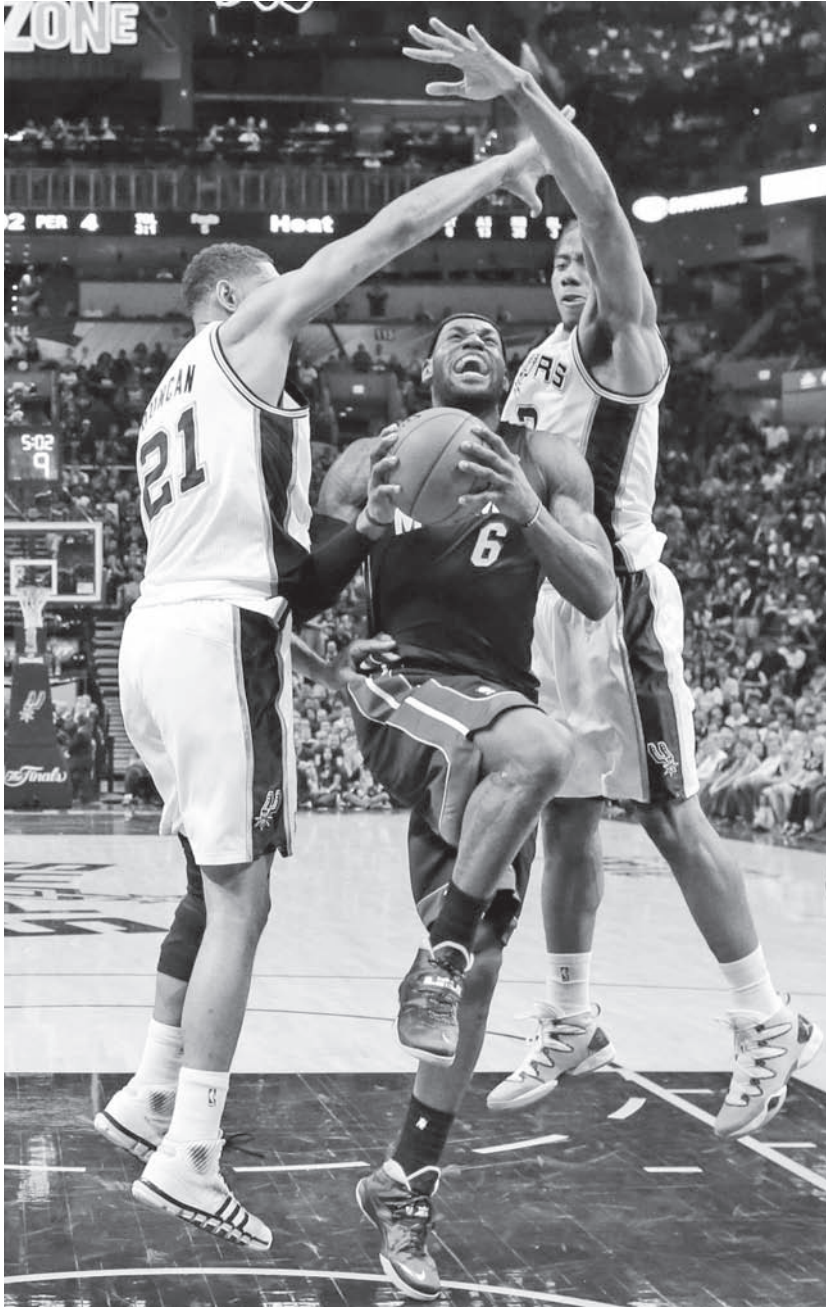
He had 11 points in the second quarter, helping Miami erase an 11-point deficit early in the period. The game was played within a margin of a few points from there, and the Spurs missed a chance to seize control in the fourth quarter when Parker and Tim Duncan missed four straight free throws when they had a two-point lead.

James then made a 3-pointer and two free throws to put Miami in position to win.

Parker scored 21 points and Duncan had 18 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who had won eight straight at home by at least 15 points.

"Down the end there they executed really well," Duncan said. "LeBron made some great passes and guys made open shots. We had the same result in the first game. They kind of flipped it in this one."

The game was played in comfortable conditions inside the AT&T Center, where an air conditioning failure in



Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6) is defended by San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan (21) and forward Kawhi Leonard, right, during the second half in Game 2 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 8, 2014, in San Antonio.

Game 1 sent temperatures soaring to about 90 degrees. The broken circuit breaker was fixed by Friday afternoon, and it was much cooler inside the arena.

James had the toughest time with the heat Thursday, needing treatment midway through the fourth quarter before eventually having to leave for good. He had plenty of time to recover, with the two days off between Games 1 and 2.

He changed only a little of his routine, taking an 8 a.m. yoga class Sunday morning and switching to a shorter pair of tights.

He personally erased a 62-56 San Antonio lead by scoring eight points in less than a minute, and his 14 points in the third quarter had Miami down only 78-77 heading to the fourth.

"For me, once I get into a good groove, I feel like everything is going to go in," James said.

For a time, everything did. Then he switched to being a passer at the end, finding Bosh in the corner for the shot that made it 95-93.

Wade and Rashard Lewis each scored 14 points for the Heat, who also dropped Game 1 of the NBA Finals against Oklahoma City two years ago. They have won five straight series after dropping the opening game.

The Spurs were in good position, withstanding James' assault long enough to lead by one with under 2 minutes to play. But they were shut out from there until Manu Ginobili's 3-pointer as time expired.

"LeBron with the ball did a pretty good job at his end and we had to be really perfect at the other end and we didn't," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "We didn't take advantage of things. We made bad decisions."

Silver: NBA's fight with Sterling almost over

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Donald Sterling hasn't quite given up the fight, but Adam Silver thinks the time is coming.

"While I understand his frustration, I think it's over," Silver said Sunday.

The NBA commissioner said Sterling still hasn't signed off on the sale of the Los Angeles Clippers, or agreed to drop his lawsuit against Silver or the NBA. But Silver believes he ultimately will, because Shelly Sterling's agreement with the league covers the NBA's legal responsibilities in case of a suit.

"So in essence, Donald is suing himself and he knows that," Silver said.

Silver also said before Game 2 of the NBA Finals that there is "absolutely no possibility" of rescinding the lifetime ban or \$2.5 million fine he handed down to Sterling following his racist remarks.

Silver said he spoke with Sterling shortly after delivering his punishments and found him to be "distracted" but "not remorseful at that time."

Sterling's attorneys had eventually indicated to the league that he would drop his fight and work with his estranged wife to finish off the record \$2 billion sale to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer. Sterling may be changing his mind now, but Silver doesn't seem concerned.

"I think it's just a matter of time now, and then we will move on to better topics and back to the finals," Silver said.

The dominant topic at the finals thus far has been the air conditioning failure in Game 1. Temperatures in the arena rose to about 90 degrees in the second half, and Heat star LeBron James left the game with about 4 minutes left after battling cramps.

Silver said he is satisfied the problem has been fixed and that the situation was handled as best

as possible after the circuit breaker failed just before the game, leaving no time for repair.

"In hindsight it wasn't handled perfectly, but they'd never been confronted with that issue before," said Silver, who was at the game and communicating with league and arena officials.

"I would say that it's certainly not one of my prouder moments in my short tenure as commissioner so far, but it's the nature of this game. There always are going to be human and mechanical errors and it's unfortunate."

With the Sterling situation, and the rocky first finals game of his tenure, Silver has had some difficult moments during his first four months on the job. He replaced David Stern on Feb. 1, and both men have said they proud of the way the transition was handled.

Silver was designated as Stern's successor in October 2012, when Stern announced his plans to retire as commissioner. But Silver had already been taking on more responsibilities by then, serving as the league's lead negotiator during the lockout in 2011, and Stern repeatedly said he was confident Silver was the man to take the NBA to new heights.

But Silver probably couldn't have imagined some of the things he would face so soon. "It's the early days. I've done the best I could," Silver said.

He has been widely praised for his response to Sterling's remarks, though said Sunday in hindsight he wishes perhaps the NBA could have done more sooner after previous allegations of racist behavior by Sterling.

However, something is being done now. "I take very seriously the fact that he has a pending lawsuit against the league. So I want to make sure that's resolved before we say this is behind us, but I have absolute confidence it will be," Silver said.

And it didn't help them that they had to deal with James at the end of this one.

Ginobili finished with 19 points for the Spurs, whose 18 points in the fourth quarter were half the 36 they scored in the opener.

"We have a very competitive group and you have two days to commiserate how that game went down," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It was frus-

trating, painful going through that for two days and now we have to manage the other emotion."

After their sensational finish to Game 1, the Spurs picked up right where they left off, making 10 of their first 15 shots. They opened an 11-point lead early in the second before James got going. He had three straight Miami baskets, and a follow shot later in the period gave the Heat their first lead at 34-33.

US heads to Brazil with boosted confidence

SAO PAULO (AP)—The U.S. headed to Brazil with boosted faith Sunday after going undefeated in its send-off series for the first time.

Playing only its third match in nine months against a World Cup team, the U.S. defense appeared firmer in a 2-1 win over Nigeria following the decision to start both Jermaine Jones and Kyle Beckerman in midfield. And Jozy Altidore broke a six-month scoreless streak for club and country with a pair of goals, including a flashy

effort when he cut inside Super Eagles captain Joseph Yobo and slotted in a right-footed shot from 12 yards.

"This game gives us confidence, but the whole send-off series should give us confidence," defender Matt Besler said Saturday night. "It's been a grind but at the end of the day, we accomplished everything we set out to do, and that's to get three wins. That's really all that matters."

The Americans were scheduled



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to travel from Jacksonville, Florida, to Miami on Sunday, then board a commercial flight for the roughly nine-hour trip to Sao Paulo, South America's largest city with a population of about 11.3 million. They will base at a downtown hotel and train at Sao Paulo FC, where they tested the facilities in January.

Logistically, it will be similar to their downtown stays at Seoul in 2002 and Hamburg, Germany, in 2006. But after

having the shortest travel at the 2010 World Cup, where they traveled by bus from their base in Irene, South Africa, to games in Rustenburg, Johannesburg and Pretoria, the Americans have the most distance to cover in the first round—a 9,000-mile odyssey to games in the northeastern cities of Natal and Recife around a trip to the Amazon rain forest capital of Manaus.

Their opener is June 16 against Ghana, a team similar in style to African champion Nigeria.

"That's the reason why we played this game, to kind of hopefully see maybe some of the things that Ghana

will do," Altidore said. "Obviously, it won't be the same. But we hope we take the things that we did well today to the Ghana game and try to use that to our advantage."

Going by FIFA rankings, the Americans' Group G was the most difficult to come out of December's draw. But in the June rankings issued last week, it became the second-toughest with Germany (No. 2), Portugal (No. 4), the U.S. (No. 13) and Ghana (No. 37) adding to 56. Group D was slightly lower at 53, with Uruguay (No. 7), Italy (No. 8), England (No. 10) and Costa Rica (No. 28).

Mariners beat Rays 5-0 with 5-run 9th inning



ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—Felix

Hernandez struck out a career-high 15 in seven innings before Endy Chavez keyed a five-run ninth with a tiebreaking RBI single, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 5-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

James Jones had a two-run triple for the Mariners, who have won seven of eight.

King Felix scattered four hits over seven innings.

After Brad Miller hit a two-out triple and Willie Bloomquist walked against Grant Balfour (0-2), the left-handed hitting Chavez slapped a two-strike single to left for a 1-0 lead. Jones had his triple before Kyle Seager added a two-run double.

Yoervis Medina (3-1) threw a scoreless eighth for the win.

Royals 2, Yankees 1

In Kansas City, Missouri, James Shields kept making critical pitches to escape trouble, Lorenzo Cain and Mike Moustakas drove in runs and the Royals squeaked out a win over the Yankees.

The Royals have won the last seven games that Shields (7-3) has started, and he's earned the win in four of those. The veteran right-hander lasted six innings in his latest effort, giving up six hits to the punchless Yankees but only allowing only one unearned run.

The Royals scored both of their runs off Hiroki Kuroda (4-4) in the second inning.

Aaron Crow escaped a jam in the seventh inning, and Wade Davis recorded the 500th strikeout of his career during a perfect eighth before Greg Holland survived a shaky ninth for his 18th save.

Astros 14, Twins 5

In Minneapolis, Chris Carter and Jon Singleton hit their first career grand slams to power the Astros to a victory over the Twins.

Carter's slam in the seventh inning sailed over the limestone overhang in right field and gave Houston a 9-3 lead. Singleton lined a fastball off Glen Perkins over the right-field wall that made it 14-5 in the ninth.

The only other time two Astros players hit grand slams in the same game was July 30, 1969, at New York when Denis Menke and Jimmy Wynn both hit slams in an 11-run ninth inning against the Mets.

Dexter Fowler and George Springer also homered for the Astros.

Darin Downs (1-0) got the last eight outs as the third reliever to follow starter Colin McHugh, who fanned six and allowed one run over 4 1/3 innings.

Houston batted around in the fourth inning, scoring three runs after Samuel Deduno (2-4) loaded the bases with nobody out by walking two batters and hitting another.

Indians 3, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Lonnie Chisenhall had two hits and scored twice and Indians starter Justin Masterson picked up his first road win of the season.

Adrian Beltre and Alex Rios had two hits each for the injury-riddled Rangers, who learned before the game they will be without first baseman Mitch Moreland for three months. Moreland needs surgery on his ailing left ankle.



Seattle Mariners' James Jones follows through on a triple that knocked in two runs during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays Sunday, June 8, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Masterson (4-4) gave up five hits and two runs in 5 2-3.

Left-hander Joe Saunders (0-2) is winless in four starts for Texas after allowing seven hits and three runs—two earned—with four walks in 5 1-3 innings.

Angels 4, White Sox 2

In Anaheim, California, C.J. Wilson bounced back strongly from his shortest outing of the season, taking a three-hit shutout into the eighth inning, and Josh Hamilton drove in three runs to lead the Angels over the White Sox.

Wilson (7-5) was charged with one run over 7 1-3 innings and struck out six.

Ernesto Frieri got three outs for his 10th save.

Jose Quintana (3-6) allowed four runs, seven hits and four walks through 4 1-3 innings and struck out four.

Cardinals 5, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Jaime Garcia and two relievers combined on a three-hitter, Matt Carpenter and Jhonny Peralta homered, and the Cardinals beat the Blue Jays.

Garcia (2-0) allowed three hits in seven innings, walked three and struck out four to win for the first time in three starts.

Pat Neshek worked the eighth and Trevor Rosenthal finished for the Cardinals, who have a Major League-high 12 shutouts this season. Texas entered Sunday with 11.

St. Louis won back-to-back games for the first time since May 24 and 25 against Cincinnati.

Drew Hutchison (4-4) allowed five runs and six hits in three innings, his shortest start of the season. He walked one and struck out one.

Reds 4, Phillies 1

In Cincinnati, Homer Bailey hit a two-run single and pitched eight effective innings to lead Cincinnati to the win.

Billy Hamilton added a two-run

homer for the Reds, who won their second straight against the reeling Phillies after a three-game losing streak.

Bailey (7-3) allowed six hits and one run while matching his season high in innings and picking up his first career win in five decisions over 10 games against Philadelphia.

Aroldis Chapman struck out the side in the ninth for his ninth save.

David Buchanan (1-3), making his fourth career start since being called up by Philadelphia on May 24, allowed four runs in six innings.

Brewers 1, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Yovani Gallardo pitched seven crisp innings for Milwaukee, and Jonathan Lucroy doubled and scored on Aramis Ramirez's groundout in the seventh.

Gallardo (4-4) gave up four hits and a walk. He struck out a season-high eight. Francisco Rodriguez got four outs for his 19th save.

Jeff Locke (0-1) also pitched seven solid innings in a spot start for the Pirates. The left-hander allowed three hits, struck out five and walked one.

Lucroy led off the seventh with a liner down the left-field line that was grabbed by a fan while it was in play. Lucroy was awarded a ground-rule double on the interference.

Lucroy went to second on Carlos Gomez's lineout to center and scored on Ramirez's bouncer to first.

Marlins 4, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Giancarlo Stanton scored the go-ahead run on Pedro Strop's wild pitch in the eighth inning, and Miami snapped Chicago's five-game winning streak.

Marlins starter Henderson Alvarez left the game because of a left hip injury and is day to day.

The Marlins trailed 3-2 before they pushed across two runs in the eighth. Garrett Jones had a sacrifice fly before

Stanton came home on the wild pitch from Strop (0-3).

Steve Cishek then struck out two in a scoreless ninth that gave him 14 saves in 15 tries.

Mike Dunn (5-3) got two outs for the win.

Giants 6, Mets 4

In San Francisco, Gregor Blanco doubled, singled and drove in three runs, and the surging Giants earned their fifth consecutive win.

Curtis Granderson tagged Tim Lincecum with two homers, the biggest highlights of New York's season-high sixth straight loss. Lincecum (5-4) allowed six hits, struck out six and walked one in six innings.

Brandon Crawford, Michael Morse and Brandon Hicks each drove in a run for the Giants, who chased Zack Wheeler in the fourth. Wheeler (2-6) gave up four runs and six hits.

Four relievers held the Mets to one run in two innings before Sergio Romo recorded his 20th save in 22 chances. San Francisco has won 10 of 12 and owns baseball's best record at 42-21.

Diamondbacks 6, Braves 5

In Phoenix, Arizona right-hander Chase Anderson pitched seven innings to become the third pitcher since 1998 to win his first five major league starts.

David Peralta and Paul Goldschmidt each hit a two-run homer in Arizona's six-run seventh inning. It was Peralta's first major league homer.

Anderson (5-0) had a career-best eight strikeouts. He allowed two runs and five hits on his way to becoming the first pitcher to win his first five starts since Jered Weaver won seven straight in 2006.

Justin Upton, Freddie Freeman and Ramiro Pena homered for the Braves, who lost two of three in Arizona. Aaron Harang (4-5) issued six walks in six-plus innings, and was charged

with three runs and four hits.

Brad Ziegler gave up a leadoff homer to Pena but retired the next three for his first save of the season.

Dodgers 6, Rockies 1, 5 1/2 innings

In Denver, Hanley Ramirez homered, Clayton Kershaw struck out nine and the Dodgers won a game cut short by rain in the sixth inning.

The Dodgers broke it open with four runs in the top of the sixth. The game was then delayed 1 hour, 35 minutes before it was called.

Matt Kemp had a triple and two RBIs for the Dodgers, who played without outfielder Yasiel Puig and second baseman Dee Gordon, both of whom sustained hip injuries Saturday.

Kershaw (5-2) allowed three hits in five innings.

Troy Tulowitzki homered for Colorado, which has lost nine of 10. Jorge De La Rosa (6-5) struggled through 5 1-3 innings.

Nationals 6, Padres 0

In San Diego, Jordan Zimmermann took a perfect game into the sixth inning and finished with a two-hitter and a career-high 12 strikeouts for Washington.

Ian Desmond hit his second two-run home run in as many games.

Zimmermann (5-2) faced only two batters over the minimum as he walked none in his first complete game of the season and sixth of his career. It was his third career shutout.

Padres left-hander Eric Stults (2-7) lasted only 2 1-3 innings, the shortest of his 85 career starts.

Athletics 11, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Brandon Moss hit a grand slam and Scott Kazmir threw seven scoreless innings and Oakland beat Baltimore in a game that featured another bench-clearing confrontation between the teams.

John Jaso also had four RBIs for the A's, who took two out of three in the series and improved to a major league-best 22-12 on the road. Baltimore allowed a season-high 11 walks in its most lopsided loss of the year.

Staked with an early lead, Kazmir (7-2) dominated the Orioles' lineup. He allowed four hits with seven strikeouts and no walks.

Jimenez (2-7), who signed a four-year, \$50 million deal in the offseason, continued to struggle with his command. He allowed a season-high six runs on two hits with two strikeouts and five walks over just 2 1-3 innings, his shortest outing since April 16, 2013, against Cleveland.

Red Sox 5, Tigers 3

In Detroit, David Ortiz hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning, and Boston snapped a five-game losing streak.


The Red Sox left men on base all night long, including when Ortiz was retired on a deep flyball to center in the seventh. But there was no doubt about his homer off Joba Chamberlain (1-3), which carried about halfway up the section of seats beyond the wall in right.

John Lackey (7-4) pitched eight sharp innings for Boston, and Koji Uehara tossed a perfect ninth for his 12th save in 12 chances.

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera left in the sixth with left hamstring tightness.

I Love Saipan, Fliptop enter quarterfinals

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 I Love Saipan crushed Garapan Boys, 92-75, in the first playoff game in the 2014 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court to march into the quarterfinals. I Love Saipan turned a close game into a rout after going for the kill in the fourth quarter. Ahead by only 3 points after the third period, 59-56, I Love Saipan dropped 33 points to send Garapan Boys packing and advance to the

Round of 8 against Group B No. 2 finisher Hite. Gyles Ruluked, Larry Sharry, and Mike Olaitiman scored in streaks in the fourth period to lift I Love Saipan to the 17-point victory. Ruluked drilled 6 straight markers early in the fourth, Sharry had 5 in a row midway in the final canto, while Olaitiman closed out for I Love Saipan, tallying 8 of the team's last 10 markers. Early in the first three periods, I Love Saipan rode on the shoulders of White Capalad, who converted four triples and finished the third canto with 22 points to keep his team on top. The shooting guard then started I Love

Saipan's offense in the fourth with back-to-back baskets before his teammates picked up where he left off to eliminate Garapan Boys. Garapan Boys had only 19 points in the fourth canto to bow out of the season. Jun Fidelino led Garapan with 26 points, while Christian Devero chipped in 23. Joining Garapan in the showers was Digital Motion, which suffered a 58-78 loss at the hands of Flip Top. Flip Top drew a solid offensive game from Lerio Pagarao to move to the quarterfinals against Group A No. 2 placer Saipan Ice. Pagarao gained 29 points, unloading three triples in the

second quarter where Flip Top began to control the win-or-go-home match. Flip Top held a shaky 12-11 lead at the end of the first frame before Pagarao nailed 11 of the team's 25 points in the second canto for a 37-25 half-time advantage. Pagarao kept going in the second half to oust Digital Motion. **First Game** **I Love Saipan 92** – Capalad 26, Sharry 14, Ruluked 11, J. Olopai 9, R. Olopai 8, M. Olaitiman 8, Suda 6, Manglona 3. **Garapan Boys 75** – Fidelino 26, Devero 23, Yap 8, Santos 5, Quan 4, Tangcoy 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-19, 38-32, 59-56, 92-75. **Second Game** **Flip Top 78** – Pagarao 29, Cadiang 9, Aguon 8, Quitugua 8, Barbo 6, Jung 4, Isip 3, Vidal 3, Hockett 2. **Digital Motion 58** – Lorenzo 20, A. Reyes 10, Alipio 10, Gabaldon 9, J. Reyes 6, Libuw 4, Vargas 2, Umali 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 12-11, 37-25, 59-48, 78-58.

NADAL

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flex returns that help him break an opponent's serve—and his will. Doing what he does so well on the red clay of Roland Garros, a surface and site he dominates so completely, the No. 1-seeded Nadal wore down No. 2 Novak Djokovic 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 in a muggy final Sunday to win his ninth French Open championship and fifth in a row, both records. “For me,” Nadal said, “playing here in Roland Garros is just unforgettable, forever.” It is also his 14th Grand Slam title overall, tying the 28-year-old Spaniard with Pete Sampras for the second most by a man, behind only Roger Federer's 17. That includes Nadal's two trophies apiece at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, along with one from the Australian Open, proving he can beat the best on grass and hard courts, too. But it's on the clay of Paris where Nadal reigns supreme: He has won 66 of 67 career French Open matches. Since the only loss, against Robin

Soderling in the fourth round in 2009, Nadal has won 35 consecutive matches at Roland Garros. No other man has won more than seven titles at any of tennis' four majors. “It's not impossible, but it's very, very difficult to stay with Rafa in this court, throughout the whole match, on the highest level of performance,” said Djokovic, who was broken in the final game of each set, including an anticlimactic double-fault on match point. Nadal ensured that he, not Djokovic, will be ranked No. 1 on Monday. In the process, Nadal once again prevented six-time major champion Djokovic from completing a career Grand Slam. “He deserves to win this tournament,” Nadal said. “I am sure he will do it in the future.” Djokovic had won their four most recent matches, including on clay in the best-of-three-set final at Rome last month. Beating Nadal in best-of-five is a whole other matter. Nadal also topped Djokovic in the 2012 final, and the 2013 semifinals. In all, Nadal leads Djokovic 6-0 at the French Open, 9-3 at major tournaments, and 23-19 in total. No other pair

of men has played each other as often. The defeat in Rome was one of three this season on clay for Nadal, raising questions about whether he'd be unbeatable at Roland Garros this time. There also was the matter of his troublesome back, which flared up during a loss to Stan Wawrinka in the Australian Open final and slowed his serve at times during the French Open. For 3 1/2 hours Sunday, when the sky was crystal clear and the temperature touched 80 degrees (27 Celsius), Djokovic gave everything he had, even spitting up on court. “I played at the maximum of my power, my strength, and my capability,” Djokovic said, “but Rafa was the best player.” Using his backhand to great effect against Nadal's forehand early, Djokovic grabbed the first set, and got to 5-all in the second. “I felt,” Nadal said, “the match was more in his hands at the beginning.” Knowing that overcoming a two-set hole might be too much even for him, Nadal raised his level, taking 20 of 26 points to claim that set and a 3-0 lead in the third.

“Without that second set, I don't know if I have this trophy with me now,” Nadal would say later. When a down-the-line forehand winner ended the second set, Nadal leaped and shook both fists, his first sign of real emotion. “The momentum went (to) his side,” Djokovic said. “I started playing quite bad and didn't move as well. Struggled a little bit physically throughout that third set.” That was apparent. His cheeks were flushed. He put his hand on his heaving chest. He wobbled and nearly fell over while sitting on his changeover bench. Still, after trailing 4-2 in the fourth, Djokovic made one last stand. As skilled a retriever as his formidable foe—Djokovic won 10 of the first 15 points that lasted at least 10 strokes—he came up with a desperation defensive lob that landed right near the baseline, drawing a netted overhead from Nadal to earn a break point. Soon, it was 4-all. But Nadal steadied himself to hold to 5-4, then broke one last time. Soon enough, he was clutching the French Open trophy, his trophy.

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Brian Cooper anchored Andersen's jackrabbit start, as he drilled 12 points in the first period. He finished with a game-high 28 points, leading three other Bombers in scoring at least 20 markers each. Barry Endsley chipped in 26, while Asa Brinson and Ledge Glover contributed 21 and 20, respectively. Jason Lampkin had 21 points to pace the CNMI Nationals, who used the tournament that started last Thursday to prepare for next month's 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei. He was the lone bright spot in the CNMI National's inconsistent offense in the first period, as the lanky center tallied 8 points in the

opening 10 minutes of play. The CNMI Nationals then began hitting their targets in the second half and scored 22 points, but with the Bombers firing three triples in that period and Cooper still drawing help from his teammates, the visiting squad protected a double-digit advantage at halftime, 56-36. In the second half, the Micro Games-bound CNMI Nationals managed to outgun the Bombers 29-24 and 28-22, to cut the deficit to a decent number. The victory was the visiting team's second in as many games against the Nationals, as the Bombers hammered the home squad in their first meeting last Saturday, 102-78. Joining the Andersen Bombers in the champion's circle was MHS Fresh-

men, which edged the Rollers in the title match in the co-ed division, 73-67. The Dolphins survived the Rollers' fourth-quarter run en route to the 6-point win. MHS held Rollers to single-digit scoring in each of the first two quarters for a 36-16 spread and stretched the lead to 23 at the end of the third canto, 54-31, before the latter mounted a comeback. C.J. Morales took matters on his own hands to bring the Rollers back in the game, but they only moved within 4 points and fell short in the end. The Rollers exploded for 36 points in the final canto against the 20 of MHS. The Dolphins hit timely free throws in the home-stretch to foil the Rollers' comeback bid. Wilfredo Francisco top-scored for MHS with 27 points, while Djay Ong and

John Darag registered 20 and 16, respectively. Morales had 28 for the Rollers. Meanwhile, organizers of the tournament that aimed to raise funds for the CNMI teams competing in the Micro Games would like to thank the following for their support: DCCA-DYS, Bridge Capital, All-Stars Sporting Goods, Brabu Pharmacy, Coca Cola, Micronesian Brokers, National Office Supply, DFS Galleria, Marianas Resort, Blue Haus, Anderson Bombers, I Love Saipan, Junior Nationals, Rollers, and Hoops. I Love Saipan, Blue Haus, and Mariana Resort joined the CNMI Nationals and Andersen Bombers in the men's division, while the CNMI Women's Nationals and Junior Nationals participated in the co-ed competition.

First Game **MHS Freshmen 73** – Francisco 27, Ong 20, Darag 16, Dalton 3, Abobo 2, Ellama 2, Zietzkie 2. **Rollers 67** – Morales 28, Espinosa 12, Arceo 8, Cruz 8, Ogumoro 3, Cudia 1. **Scoring by quarters:** 17-9, 36-16, 54-31, 73-67. **Second Game** **Andersen Bombers 102** – Cooper 28, Endsley 26, Brinson 21, Glover 20, Covington 3, Lumpkin 2. **CNMI Nationals 91** – Lampkin 21, Caro 17, Barcinas 15, Lizama 14, Basa 11, Tudela 7, Joyner 2. **Scoring buy quarters:** 33-14, 56-36, 80-63, 102-91.

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The good news came after Gov. Eloy Inos signed House Local Bill No. 18-37, D4 into law (Saipan Local Law No.18-16) last Friday. The law re-appropriates \$33,000 in lapsed funds from five local laws with the remaining \$3,000 allocated for the 2014 Spear Fishing Derby. “We would like to thank the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation for helping the CNMI Team that will participate in this year's Micronesian Games in Pohnpei,” Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White said during the group's monthly meeting last Thursday eve-

ning at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The delegation passed House Local Bill No. 18-37, D4 last Thursday afternoon and with the governor signing the measure into law the following day, between 100 and 105 CNMI athletes and officials are expected to receive monetary aid this month in time for the Micro Games, which will run from July 20 to 30. The assistance is very much welcome, as the CNMI delegates, especially those competing in team events, are struggling for funds despite holding numerous fundraising events. Just late last month, NMSA called for an emergency meeting to know the status of the travel arrangements made by each team.

At the meeting, NMSA was informed that baseball and basketball have yet to settle their dues with United Airlines, but with CNMI Team out to receive \$30,000 from the government coffers, White said the problem may be solved. The NMSA president said each CNMI delegate will get \$300 from the financial aid. Those who have settled their dues with United Airlines will get refunds, while NMSA will use baseball and basketball's shares to pay for the outstanding balance of their airfare. *Saipan Tribune* learned that United Airlines is charging \$678 per person plus taxes (\$7.50 and \$86.50, which are subject to change) for the airfare to Pohnpei. Besides basketball (men and wom-

en) and baseball, athletics swimming, spearfishing, weightlifting, and canoe are also sending athletes and officials to the Micro Games. Meanwhile, with the financial assistance from the government covering only portion of the CNMI Team's airfare, each federation will have to shoulder the per diem (\$30) for food and accommodation in Pohnpei. Each delegate will also have to pay the travel tax. However, a NMSA member disclosed during last Thursday's meeting that one lawmaker is working on giving additional \$4,000 to the CNMI Team to cover the travel tax. **Baseball fundraiser** The Saipan Baseball League will be

hosting a men's and women's fundraising softball tournament from June 20 to 22 at the Capital Hill Ballfield. Proceeds from this tournament will be used to offset the cost of the CNMI Baseball Team's participation to the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei next month. Entry fee is \$120 and for an additional \$10, a player can join the Home Run Derby. A double-elimination format will be in effect during the tournament and interested teams are requested to send a representative at the June 17 meeting at 6pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. For more information, contact league coordinator Tony Rogolifoi at 234-6672.

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MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	26	.594	—
Baltimore	31	30	.508	5 1/2
New York	31	31	.500	6
Boston	28	34	.452	9
Tampa Bay	24	40	.375	14
Central Division				
Detroit	33	26	.559	—
Cleveland	32	31	.508	3
Kansas City	31	32	.492	4
Chicago	31	33	.484	4 1/2
Minnesota	29	32	.475	5
West Division				
Oakland	39	24	.619	—
Los Angeles	34	28	.548	4 1/2
Seattle	33	29	.532	5 1/2
Texas	31	32	.492	8
Houston	28	36	.438	11 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	32	29	.525	—
Washington	32	29	.525	—
Miami	33	30	.524	—
New York	28	35	.444	5
Philadelphia	25	36	.410	7
Central Division				
Milwaukee	38	26	.594	—
St. Louis	33	31	.516	5
Cincinnati	29	32	.475	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	29	33	.468	8
Chicago	25	35	.417	11
West Division				
San Francisco	42	21	.667	—
Los Angeles	33	31	.516	9 1/2
Colorado	29	33	.468	12 1/2
San Diego	28	35	.444	14
Arizona	28	37	.431	15
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2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament

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Ferdie Arago serves, while Lanie Bartolome gets ready near the net during their game against Hannah Choi and Glenn Bluutjens.



Chris Hilario makes a return from the backline during his and Windy Fernandez's doubles game against Joel Ortega and Loyda Ito in the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.



Kelvin Young Son approaches the net during his game against Ezekiel Macario.



Ezekiel Macario goes for a smash.



Rowena Sison steps back for a return to Nicole Malasarte.



Celso Agui steps forward for a return, while teammate Christy Villaflor looks on.



Mykki Caracut hits a low shot during her and Ezekiel Macario's doubles game against Toshiko Obata and Aries Cordero.



Lanie Bartolome hits a backhand return to Hannah Choi.



Vic Regis jumps for a return, while Cheng Saturno stays back.



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Nadal tops Djokovic for 9th French Open

» **Spaniard also win 14th major**

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AP TENNIS WRITER

Trying to beat Rafael Nadal at the French Open is, without a doubt, the toughest task in tennis. Indeed, must be among the greatest challenges in all of sports.



The pressure he applies, from set to set, game to game, point to point, shot to shot. That bullwhip of a high-bouncing, topspin lefty forehand. Those quick-re-

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AP

Spain's Rafael Nadal bites the trophy after winning the final of the French Open tennis tournament against Serbia's Novak Djokovic at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, June 8, 2014. Nadal won in four sets 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

Andersen Bombers, MHS Freshmen triumph



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The Andersen Bombers downed the CNMI Nationals, 102-91, during the title game in the men's division of the 2014 BANMI-DCCA/DYS Friendship Basketball Tournament last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Bombers attacked early to build a 33-14 advantage and never looked back, as they countered almost every shot the CNMI Nationals connected in the last three quarters.

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Members of the Andersen Bombers pose with their trophy after beating the CNMI Nationals, 102-91, in a fundraising tournament last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Joining the visiting team in the photo are BANMI's Elias Rangamar, standing second left, and Abner Venus, standing fifth left.

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Tyrone Omar, seen here playing for the Brewers in last month's Saipan Baseball League, suited up for the CNMI Baseball Team that finished second to Palau during the 2010 Micronesian Games. The CNMI will also send a baseball squad to this year's Micro Games in Pohnpei.

30K aid to Micro Games-bound CNMI Team

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The CNMI Team competing in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei next month will receive \$30,000 in financial assistance from the government.

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